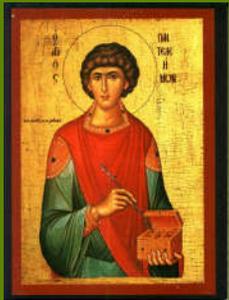


St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector
 Protodeacon Robert Northrup
 V. Rev. Anthony Spengler, Attached
 Reader James Tilghman
 Parish Council President: John Grabavoy



Sunday, December 11, 2016

Gospel: St. Luke 14:16-24

Tone 8

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday of the Forefathers

Ven. Danie the Stylite, New Hieromartyrs Seraphim, Peter, Aleksy & Nikolai

DECEMBER Bulletin Sponsor

By Andrei & Linda Davik, in Memory of & for Health of their Families

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, December 11

9:40 am: Hours

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

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 am: Deanery Meeting in Palatine

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 pm: Monthly Healing Service

7:40 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, December 18

9:40 am: Hours

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



- Christmas Day Desserts
- Clothes for the less fortunate

In the back of the church

SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM UP & RUNNING

Who to see: Matushka Susan

When: 1st & 3rd 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

December 11: 2 Police officers killed in Iowa / Catherine

December 18: Police officer killed in PA

December 25: Dianne / Jovan

January 1: Officer killed in Tx. / Children killed in school bus crash in Tn

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 / Those who died in Tn fires & Tornadoes / John Hartel

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!



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OCMC News - 2016 Mission Teams Summary

by Sara Staff (Posted 11/29/2016)

2016 has been another awesome year for OCMC short-term mission teams! Many of you have traveled across the globe to answer the call of making disciples of all nations, and the impact of that has been profound.

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center was able to send off 20 teams totaling 122 team members to spread the message of Christ's love through the Orthodox Church. Team members represented 10 different jurisdictions, 33 states, and 2 from the United Kingdom and India. There were a variety of ages represented from 7 to 78 years old.

Teams traveled to 7 countries on 4 different continents totaling over 641,600 miles flown! They ministered to 1,200 adults, 2,400 youth and young adults, cared for 1,500 patients, and numerous other unrecorded individuals were reached.

Over \$18,000 in grant money was received to be used for medicines, orphanages, conferences, retreats, camps, and projects for the mission teams.

Following the mission trips, at least 14 team members felt a calling on their heart for long-term mission service, and 4 have already started the process to become long-term missionaries. Not only that, but teams have helped raise awareness of missions in the lives of 1,060 supporters, including over 510 new donors!

OCMC is very thankful for another impactful year for mission teams. To be part of Christ's ministry on earth is an incredible blessing. Every individual who participates on a team is answering the call to make disciples of all nations and impacting lives with Christ's love. We pray that the Orthodox Church around the world continues to grow through the efforts of missionaries and mission teams. For all of you who served on or financed mission trips, thank you. Your love for Christ and the Orthodox Faith has brought many people encouragement and hope. It's already time to consider joining a 2017 short-term mission team. To see what teams are available for 2017, check out ocmc.org or call OCMC at 1-877-463-6787 (ext. 142).



Kristina Koutsoupis with children she ministered to during her short-term mission trip to Alaska. Photo credit: Kristina Koutsoupis

SVOTS 2019 Doctor of Ministry Cohort completes initial courses

During fall 2016 semester, students in the newly formed "Doctor of Ministry Cohort, Class of 2019" met on the campus of [Saint Vladimir's Seminary](http://www.saintvladimirseminary.org) here for their first onsite intensive. The eight students in the Cohort enthusiastically engaged in two core courses in their program: "Youth Ministry," taught by Archpriest Joseph Purpura, and "Missiology," taught by Priest Gregory Edwards.

In addition to parish clergy, the Cohort includes a foreign missionary and a hospice chaplain. Students in the Cohort — representing six Orthodox Christian jurisdictions in the US, Canada, Albania, and Finland — favorably commented on their first-semester D.Min. experience, noting that the program exceeded their expectations and offered knowledge that could be practically applied in their given fields of ministry.

Priest Ian Shipley of Saints Cyril and Methodius Mission, Chico, CA, said the D.Min. program has provided him with the "unique opportunity to engage with top-notch professors and fellow students about topics that are of immediate concern to the work of ministry in today's world."

Hospice Chaplain Sarah Byrne-Martelli remarked, "The D.Min. has pushed me to think theologically about my work in new ways, and to reflect on how I hope to continue to serve the Church," and added, "I am enjoying the peer interactions as well; it is very enriching to engage in dialogue with Orthodox colleagues from different jurisdictions and ministry backgrounds."

Priest Teo Merras of Finland attested to the program's intensity and depth, saying, "If you ask my colleagues [back home], you would probably get an answer that I wasn't 'present in this world' because of my constant reading and thinking!"

Students in the D.Min. Cohort of 2019 will resume their on-line studies after Pascha 2017 in the summer term. They will be studying "Ministry in a Secular Age," taught by Archpriest John Jillions, and "Liturgical Life and Pastoral Ministry," taught by Dr. Grant White. They will be back on campus July 16–22 for the summer term onsite intensive.

Meanwhile, students in the D.Min. Cohort of 2017 — slated to earn their degrees in December 2017 — are working on their final projects, which will combine doctoral level research with critical reflection on the practice of ministry. The main objective of their final projects is to provide concrete resource material for others in ministry.

Details about their projects will be announced at the Doctor of Ministry Commencement, which will occur on the occasion of the Annual Father Alexander Schmemmann Lecture in early 2018.

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"I'm overjoyed by the work being done by both Cohorts — those just beginning their doctoral research and those involved in the highly creative process of their final projects," said the Priest J. Sergius Halvorsen, Director of the D.Min. Program at Saint Vladimir's.

"Every time I observe them interacting in the classroom and with each other, I have confidence that they will enrich parishes, chaplaincy settings, and the wider Church, through their newly gained knowledge and skills in applied pastoral practice."

Learn more about some of the students in the D.Min. [Cohort of 2017](#) and [Cohort of 2019](#) by reading their student profiles. Learn more about the [Doctor of Ministry Program](#) and need-based scholarships funded by the Danilchick Family Endowment for Pastoral Studies.

Metropolitan Tikhon interviewed by Interfax news agency MOSCOW, RUSSIA [OCA]

In the midst of an unusually intense agenda during his recent visit to Moscow for the celebration of the 70th birthday of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill II, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon still found time to [offer an interview](#) to Interfax news agency.



Metropolitan Tikhon and a delegation representing the Orthodox Church in America that included His Grace, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa—see [related story](#)—returned to the United States on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, the eve of Thanksgiving Day.

In the interview, Metropolitan Tikhon was asked for his opinions on a number of topics, ranging from his personal background and conversion to Orthodox Christianity and his opinion on the recent US presidential elections to his impressions on the celebrations of which he and the OCA delegation were a part.

With regard to Patriarch Kirill, Metropolitan Tikhon spoke of "his great ability as an Orthodox Christian leader to exemplify this sense of unity. I would like to wish him many years of health, strength to continue that work of unity, continue to be an inspiring spiritual leader for the Russian Orthodox faithful."

On a somewhat lighter note, Metropolitan Tikhon also was asked if any celebrities were of the Orthodox Christian faith. "Stars or not, when they come to the church, they are all the same," he quickly responded.

Upon their arrival in Moscow on Friday, November 18, Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA delegation were welcomed at the Patriarchal Residence at the Danilov Monastery. After he and Patriarch Kirill venerated the altar in the Patriarchal Chapel, they engaged in a cordial meeting during which a number of matters of mutual concern were discussed. Metropolitan Tikhon presented an icon of Saint Herman of Alaska and a custom-made book featuring the front pages of *The New York Times* for each year of the Patriarch's life. In return, Patriarch Kirill presented a set of vestments and an archpastoral staff to Metropolitan Tikhon. During their meeting, English and Russian language editions of a collection of the Patriarch's writings, titled *Patriarch Kirill in His Own Words*, were presented by His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion [Alfeyev] and Archpriest Chad Hatfield, CEO of Saint Vladimir's Seminary, who oversaw the book's publication in conjunction with the current celebration.

"I extend to Your Holiness the warm greetings of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America and the fervent prayers of our monastics, clergy and faithful throughout North America on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of your birth," Metropolitan Tikhon said in greeting Patriarch Kirill. "The Orthodox Church in America, the youngest among the Orthodox Churches, is honored to participate in this historic event and to take her place in the company of the Primates and representatives of the ancient Patriarchates and Churches that have gathered in Moscow. Much like the glorious celebrations in 2013, marking the 1025th Anniversary of the Baptism of Rus', the present ceremonies are a testimony to Your Holiness' concern for the unity of the Churches and initiative in facilitating a spirit of conciliarity.

"Your Holiness' fraternal care for the Orthodox Church in America and your personal witness as a good and wise shepherd are well-known throughout North America," Metropolitan Tikhon continued. "Our clergy and faithful have seen your dedication to the pastoral task of service to God and your labors in fulfilling the apostolic work of the Church in your roles as First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, as Chairman of the Department of External Church Relations and as a humble monastic.

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“It is often forgotten that monasticism plays a central role in the apostolic and missionary work of the Church and your Holiness has always been a champion of this path, even as recently as this year, when you convened an International Conference commemorating 1,000 years of Russian monasticism on Mount Athos,” Metropolitan Tikhon noted. “The millennial witness of the Holy Mountain bore fruit in both the monastic labors of Saint Sergius of Radonezh and in the travels of the monastic missionaries to Alaska to plant the seed of the Holy Orthodox faith in the new world. For these reasons, it is fitting, on the occasion of Your Holiness’ 70th Anniversary, to present You with this icon of the Venerable Herman, Wonderworker of Alaska and All America. May this icon serve as a reminder both of the life of prayer and repentance that you embraced in your youth and of the love and respect that you have earned from the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America. May the intercessions of St Herman, the first saint to be glorified by the youngest of the autocephalous Churches, continue to inspire Your Holiness in your faithful service to our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ as the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church.”

Later the same day, Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA delegation visited the Donskoy Monastery, where they were welcomed by the monastery’s Abbot, His Grace, Bishop Paramon of Bronnitsy. After celebrating a Service of Intercession before the relics of Saint Tikhon of Moscow in the monastery’s main cathedral, Bishop Paramon welcomed Metropolitan Tikhon on behalf of the brotherhood and hosted him and the delegation members at lunch, during which they discussed a variety of matters related to monasticism and Church life.

As [previously reported](#), Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the Divine Liturgy at the [OCA’s Representation Church of Saint Catherine](#) on Saturday, November 19, after which 40-day memorial prayers were offered for repose of the [newly departed Archimandrite Alexander \[Pihach\]](#), the late Dean of Saint Catherine’s and OCA Representative to the Moscow Patriarchate. Among those in attendance was the Canadian Ambassador to the Russian Federation, John Kur, with whom Metropolitan Tikhon spoke at the reception that followed.

On Sunday, November 20, Metropolitan Tikhon and the Primates of the Sister Orthodox Churches or their respective representatives concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with Patriarch Kirill in Moscow’s massive Christ the Savior Cathedral and attended the reception that followed. Over 300 hierarchs from across Russia and elsewhere served at the Liturgy, which was attended by numerous religious and political officials.

The following day, Metropolitan Tikhon and the members of the OCA delegation attended a solemn convocation honoring Patriarch Kirill in the hall of Christ the Savior Cathedral. Patriarch Kirill opened the program, which was attended by the delegations of the Local Orthodox Churches and hundreds of other hierarchs, clergy and faithful.

“In the Orthodox understanding, unity and conciliarity find their source in the Holy Trinity, and they are most clearly expressed through prayer and communion,” Metropolitan Tikhon said in his public address. “It is in this spirit of prayer and communion that Your Holiness has gathered us together this week for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and for brotherly fellowship. These are not simply external acts, but serve as an inspiration for us to accomplish the apostolic work of the Church, and for this we are grateful to Your Holiness.

“Your Holiness is well known throughout the world for your leadership as First Hierarchy of the Russian Orthodox Church, and before that, for your labors as Chairman of the Department of External Church Relations,” Metropolitan Tikhon observed. “But the foundation of these labors, and the many other ministries you have undertaken, is your heart, which is the heart of a humble monastic. It is often forgotten that monasticism plays a central role in the apostolic and missionary work of the Church, but Your Holiness has always been a champion of this path, and in this, you continue the long tradition of missionary and monastic activity in the Church of Russia.”

Metropolitan Tikhon went on to recall that “the very first missionaries to North America were monastics who traveled from Valaam to Alaska, bringing this same spirit of prayer and communion. Although North America is not experiencing the level of violence, war and persecution that we find throughout the world, we nevertheless rely on prayer to both strengthen ourselves and to bring enlightenment to those darkened hearts which initiate such violence against Christians and non-Christians alike.

“The United States has just elected a new President,” Metropolitan Tikhon continued. “Whether or not he can accomplish great things in the world remains to be seen. Nevertheless, we are hopeful that there remain some traces of the Orthodox spirit of prayer and communion, as expressed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his First Inaugural Address on January 20, 1953: ‘Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world must first come to pass in the heart of America.’”

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Prayer List

Prigists: 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, Andrei Davik, Roger Seglem

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*), 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, Lauren, Tanya Wolfe.

Other Requests: Lucille (*Duke*), Elizabeth Lilos, Jemsey Pradun, Hermenegil (*Neighbor*), Lidiya (*Neighbor*), Cathleen Rebolgar, 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 Beccy Eggers*), Carol Marino (*Fr cousin's friend*), Deputy Chief Frank Batura, Royal (*Mark's friend*), ***John Sedor**, * **Daria Petrykowski**, ***Cynthia Koranda**, 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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AS OF 12-4

MUZYKA FAMILY: (4 Flowers)

- *Deceased members of the Muzyka family
- *Deceased members of the Leonchik Family
- *For the Health of Sister Sandra Alex
- *For The Health of the Muzyka & Leonchik Families

HRUBAN FAMILY: (1 Flower)

- *For the Health of the Hruban family

EGGERS FAMILY: (1 Flower)

- *For the Health of the Eggers & Northrup families

NEMIC & BOSWELL FAMILIES: (2 Flowers)

- *Deceased Family members
- *For the Health of their families

SVARA FAMILY: (2 Flowers)

- *In memory of Lillian & Frank Novak
- *For the Health of the Svara Family

JOVANOVICH FAMILY: (2 FLOWERS)

- *For the Health of the Jovanovich Family
- *In Memory of the Jovanovich & Cerra Families

JOHN GRABAVOY FAMILY: (2 Flowers)

- *For the Health & Memory of the Grabavoy Family
- *In Memory of Thelma & Merele Gazelle & Dana Gazelle & Dave Carlson

FR. ANDREW BARTEK: (5 Flowers)

- *For the Health of the parishioners & their Families
- *For the Health & safety of the fire & police of Summit
- *For the Health of his entire Family
- *For the less fortunate & lonely
- *For the deceased family especially George & Dorothy & for His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

NOTE:

Christmas Flowers - \$20.00/flower

Deadline to make purchase: December 18.

In memory of or for the Health of any friend or family member.

Please notify Fr. Andrew or sign up on sheet in back of

D E C E M B E R

BIRTHDAY	NAMES DAY	ANNIVERSARY
***No date (Mark Ho) 1-Ileana Bruner 3- Mary Ann Seglem 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.

Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Luke 14:16-24 (Gospel)

Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’ And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ “