

# St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Tone 2**  
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

**Sunday of Meatfare / Sunday of the Last Judgment**

## February Bulletin Sponsor

*By Father Andrew in Honor of His Spiritual Father's Priestly Ordination*

### Liturgical & Events Schedule

**Sunday, February 19**

9:40 am Hours  
10:00 am: D.L. / Meml Sunday / Church School / Social  
Noon: Russian Festival  
3:00 pm: Summit Bible: Black History Program

**Monday, February 20**

7:00 pm: Summit Board Meeting

**Tuesday, February 21**

7:00 pm: Monthly Board Meeting @ Sam's

**Wednesday, February 22**

7:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

**Thursday, February 23**

6:30 pm: OCMC Mission Dinner

**Saturday, February 25**

9:00 am: "Beyond the Classroom" Prog.  
5:00 pm: Confessions  
6:00 pm: Great Vespers

**Sunday, February 26**

9:30 am: Confessions  
9:40 am: Hours  
10:00 am: D.L. / Church School / Social / Following the social Forgiveness Vespers

### SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM UP & RUNNING

Who to see: Matushka Susan

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

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

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### 40 DAYS MEMORIAL

Feb. 19: 2 Police officers killed in FL / Jim  
March 12: Mat. Juliana Schmemann / William  
(Navy Seal from Peoria)



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### Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser

Please place your order by March 5<sup>th</sup> w/  
Mat. Susan



## Chicago-area Triumph of Orthodoxy Vesper Service announced

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1220 South 60th Court, Cicero, IL will be the site of the Triumph of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vesper Service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, 2017.

Sponsored by the Orthodox Clergy Association of Greater Chicago, the annual service, traditionally celebrated on the evening of the first Sunday of Great Lent, will feature Priest Josiah Trenham, Pastor of Saint Andrew Antiochian Orthodox Church, Riverside, CA, as guest homilist.

The Pan-Orthodox Choir of Greater Chicago, under the direction of Gordona Trbuhovich, will sing the liturgical responses.

The public is invited to attend. Additional information may be found on the Chicago Synergy web site.

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### CARSON'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Thursday February 23-25. Please see Matushka Susan for more details.

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### 8th RUSSIAN WINTER FESTIVAL

Sunday, February 13 from Noon-5:00 pm  
Holy Virgin Protection Russian Orthodox Cathedral  
1800 Lee St., Des Plaines, IL

Sweet & Savory Russian Treats / Vodka tasting / Russian Tea / Russian dancers, singers & musicians / Folk & Craft Bazaar / Snow Maiden's Castle & Kids Krafts / Raffle

Donation: \$2 Kids under 12: Free

Donations to benefit the completion of the parish school.

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### SVOTS launches parish music program

Saint Vladimir's Seminary [SVOTS] recently launched a program that offers training for readers, choir conductors, and choir members in local parish settings. Called "Revitalizing Parish Music," the program creates tailor-made solutions to typical problems experienced by church choirs and choir directors.

"Saint Vladimir's has always striven to express the beauty of our faith through music, and to bring this into parishes," said Robin Freeman, the new Director of Music at the seminary. "Thousands of faithful recall the Octet that traversed the country; the music books and CDs published by SVS Press that enriched music programs and introduced new repertoire; and the Institute

of Liturgical Music and Pastoral Practice, which provided training for church musicians who desired to hone their skills. Our new program combines aspects of all these initiatives and brings them right into the parish."

Mrs. Freeman, an accomplished singer and choral conductor, has developed half-day, full-day, and weekend workshops for parish choirs, addressing everything from "music reading skills" to "achieving a unified choral sound" for choir members; and everything from "building a vocabulary of gestures" to "placing singers in the correct voice parts" for directors. Parish choirs may choose from among a variety of sessions and workshops to suit the individual needs of their particular ensemble.

Parishes may even choose to invite the "SVOTS Chamber Choir" for the weekend. Chamber Choir section leaders can help train members of the parish choir by singing alongside them in rehearsals and liturgical services. The workshop can culminate in a concert performed by the parish choir or the Chamber Choir, or a combination thereof. A description of the program with sample sessions and workshops, pricing options and related information is available on-line.

The first parish choir to benefit from the program was at Holy Trinity Church, Danbury, CT, where Archpriest Luke Mihaly is the Pastor. Mrs. Freeman and her family attended Divine Liturgy at the parish; afterwards, she held an afternoon workshop tailored for the choir. Holy Trinity's Choir Director, Stephen Fong, remarked that "Robin's workshop was an overwhelming success. Her highly tailored approach, both before and during the event, and her expertise, professionalism, and enthusiasm made the most out of the time we had and brought our small choir to another level. We're already looking forward to another visit!"

"Robin was able to make a real difference in our parish choir and thus the prayer life of our parish," said Father Luke.

"I'm excited about this new venture," concluded Mrs. Freeman, "as I further share whatever talent God has entrusted to me with our brothers and sisters in Christ and re-connect the Seminary with parish life."



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## OCN launches first annual “30 Under 30” initiative

The Orthodox Christian Network [OCN] is excited to announce it’s first annual “30 under 30” initiative whereby individuals may nominate emerging Orthodox Christian leaders from within their own communities in North America. The campaign will recognize 30 emerging leaders under the age of 30 who demonstrate, personally and/or professionally, their exceptional leadership.

The initiative—spearheaded by OCN Managing Director Eleni Alexiou, under the direction of OCN’s Board of Directors—aligns the mission of OCN in an effort to develop, demonstrate and encourage Orthodox Christian young adults throughout North America and the international community to build on their existing efforts.

“‘30 under 30’ is an opportunity to show support for and invest in this next generation of trailblazers,” says Eleni. “We want to hear from young entrepreneurs and leaders that exemplify Christian values in their lives and the lives that they touch. This group of adults are changing the way of our Orthodox Christian future.”

The initiative draws on Orthodox Christian leadership in the fields of medicine, nutrition, science, public policy, social science, humanities, arts and law, among other. The initiative aims to identify best practices and share widely young adults in the nation and the world while using the power of community to help individuals and communities access Orthodox media in a modern world, develop resources for youth, and increase young adult engagement in Orthodoxy and programming.

The Orthodox Christian Network is an official agency of the Assembly of Canonical Bishops of the United States of America, originally commissioned by SCOBA, to create a national, sustainable, and effective media witness for Orthodox Christianity throughout North America.

Additional information is available on-line.

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### Many years, Your Beatitude!

It is with deep love, respect and heartfelt thanksgiving that we mark the 13th Anniversary of the Episcopal Consecration of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, who was consecrated at Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA on February 14, 2004.

On behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops and the clergy, monastics and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, we assure Metropolitan Tikhon of our ongoing love and prayers today and in the many years to come. May our Lord continue to grant him peace, prosperity, safety, honor, health and length of days

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## 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

## Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

## Chicago's annual "Celebration of Books" to be held March 12-16

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 South Wolf Road, Westchester, IL once again will host the annual "Celebration of Books" in mid-March 2017.

The theme of this year's event — "Navigating God's Holy Word" — will be explored during three special presentations.

The Rev. Dr. Eugen Pentiu, Professor of Old Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA will speak on "Understanding the Old Testament." on Sunday, March 12. Vespers will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. with Father Eugen's presentation slated to begin at 8:00 p.m.

"Hearing and Keeping the Word of God" is the theme of a presentation to be given by Dr. Alexis Torrance, Assistant Professor of Byzantine Theology at the University of Notre Dame, on Tuesday, March 14. Compline will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m., with Dr. Torrance's presentation scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Bruce Beck, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology will offer a presentation titled "Reading Scripture with the Orthodox Church" on Thursday, March 16. The 8:00 p.m. presentation will follow the celebration of Compline at 6:30 p.m.

The week-long event also will feature a book store at which thousands of Orthodox books and resources will be available for purchase. The bookstore will be open daily from Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17 from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.

The Celebration of Books is sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago's Religious Education Department. The public is invited to attend.

There is no charge. For additional information please call 708-562-2744.

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### *Many Years Your Beatitude Con't*

'rightly dividing' the word of God's truth as he marks this milestone in his life and in the life of the Church!

Axios! Eis polla eti despota! May God grant you many years, Your Beatitude!

Metropolitan Tikhon was born in Boston, MA on July 15, 1966, the son of Francois and Elizabeth Mollard. After brief periods living in Connecticut, France, and Missouri, he and his family settled in Reading, PA, where he graduated

In 1988, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Sociology from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, after which he moved to Chicago.

In 1989, he was received into the Orthodox Church from the Episcopalian tradition and, in the fall of the same year, he began studies at Saint Tikhon Seminary. The following year he entered the monastic community at Saint Tikhon Monastery as a novice.



After receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Saint Tikhon Seminary in 1993, he was appointed instructor in Old Testament at the school. He subsequently served as Senior Lecturer in Old Testament and taught Master level courses in the Prophets and the Psalms and Wisdom Literature. He also served as an instructor in the seminary's Extension Studies program, offering courses in the lives of the Old Testament saints, the liturgical use of the Old Testament, and the Old Testament in patristic literature. He collaborated with then-Igumen Alexander [Golitzin] in the publication of *The Living Witness of the Holy Mountain*, published by Saint Tikhon Seminary Press.

In 1995 he was tonsured to the Lesser Schema and given the name Tikhon, in honor of Saint Tikhon, Enlightener of North America and Patriarch of Moscow. Later that year, he was ordained to the Holy Diaconate and Holy Priesthood at Saint Tikhon Monastery. In 1998, he was elevated to the rank of Igumen, and in 2000 to the rank of Archimandrite. In December 2002, he was appointed Deputy Abbot of Saint Tikhon Monastery.

After his consecration to the episcopacy, he served as Auxiliary to the Metropolitan. He was nominated to fill the vacant See of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania at a special diocesan assembly on May 25, 2005. Two days later, he was elected to that ministry by the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops. He was installed as ruling hierarch of the Diocese at Saint Stephen Cathedral on October 29, 2005. He served as Bishop and later Archbishop of the Diocese until his election as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America at the [17th All-American Council](#), held in Parma, OH on November 13, 2012.



## Prayer List - UPDATED 2-19-17

**Prizsts:** 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 Gibson**, \* **Philip Lashbrook**, \***John Reeves**, **Fr. Emilian Hutnyan**, **Deacon Bohdan Melnychenko**

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

**Parishionzrs:** Karen Muzyka, Ronald Stachowiak, Rebecca Eggers, Sonja Harris, Pauline Michals, Marilyn, Michals, Pat Svara

**Parishionzr's Family:** Sandra (*Karen's sister*), Erika Northrup, Mary Northrup, Raymond Northrup, Mark Svara, Joey Krush, Jan Kost (*Linda's sister*), Tommy Leonchik, Jason Kimbauer, Lucille (*Carol's mom*), Edward Arendt (*joann's uncle*), Stephen Holly & Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s cousin*), (*Spengler Family*): Bruce (*fr's Kurt's brother*) Jacob, Emilian, Joyce, John, Robert, William & Dana, Mark, Eve

**Other Rqzqzsts:** June (Hruban friend), Elizabeth Lilos, Jemsey Pradun, Hermenegil & Lydia Guerrero (*Neighbor*), Cathleen Rebollar, Eva Quagon (*Andy friend*), John & Mary Ann Magerko, Gloria Salgado (*Lynn's Friend*), Vivian (*friend of Beckky Eggers*), Marlyn (*Karen's friend*), Laurel (*Bill Rudolph's daughter*), Deputy Chief Frank Batura, \***John Sedor**, \* **Daria Petrykowski**, \***Cynthia Koranda**, Alice Sutko, Mike Jacobson & Brian Turner (*fr's friends*) Michelle & her unborn baby, Crystal & her unborn baby, Susie & her unborn baby

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

**Captivz:** 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.

### Memorial Saturday of Meatfare

*Commemorated on February 18*

On the day before Meatfare Sunday, on which we remember the Last Judgment, the Orthodox Church prays for those of its members who may have died unexpectedly because of wars, plagues, starvation, or any other sort of death while they were in a foreign country, or while they were traveling by sea, by land, or by air. The Church also prays for the poor, or for those who may not have received a proper burial, or who had no one to request Memorial Services to be offered for them.

We pray for the departed on this Saturday because the Orthodox Church has established Saturday as the proper day of the week for remembering the dead. On this day before we hear the Gospel about the Last Judgment, we should pause to recall our own inescapable death when we shall appear before Christ to give an account of our lives. May we have "an acceptable defense before His dread Judgment Seat."

As we prepare for the spiritual struggles of the Great Fast, we should remember that we have been given this present life for repentance and for entreating God's mercy. When Christ comes in glory to judge the world, it will be too late then to say that we repent, or to ask for mercy. Therefore, we should make the most of the time that has been given us in order to struggle against every sinful impulse which separates us from God, to confess our sins, to correct ourselves, and to pursue a life of virtue and holiness.

During the week leading up to Meatfare Sunday, we do not sing "Alleluia" in place of "God is the Lord," at Matins. "Alleluia" is appointed to be sung on the Wednesday and Friday of Cheesefare Week, and also during Great Lent. See the TYPIKON or the OCA rubrics book for information about the structure of the pre-Lenten and Lenten services.

## Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

*Commemorated on February 19*

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

### FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY	NAMES DAY	ANNIVERSARY
2- John Grabavoy Jr 4- Nathaniel Bremer 10- Luba Johnson 12- Fr. Gleason 17-Heidi Posada 19 Vitaly Muzyka 19- Sonia Harris 19- Robert Johnson 22- Scott Eggers 23- Chrissy Marron	NONE	2-9-80: Nicholas & Joann Cavaligos 2-10-73: His Beatitude retired Met. Herman 2-14-04: His Beatitude Met. Tikhon 2-21-98: Luis & Heidi Posada 2-21-14: His Grace Bishop David of Alaska

*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.*

### FEBRUARY - REPOSED

1-Alexander Grabavoy (14) 5- Josephine Spengler (99) 9- Olga Akers (14) 8- Natalie Leonchik (98) 8- Jean Mueller (16) 10-Alexandra L. Samuta (86) 12-Mary Stopka (86)	12- Helene W Suchlak (06) 12- Mitrofan (Mike) Grabavoy (61) 16- Baby Girl Grabavoy (71) 17- Metropolitan Orestes (77) 18- Anthony John Nausieda (06) 20-Nicholas Tarchuk (99) 23-Mary Klimiuk (91) 27-Ivan Rosannacha (84)	1940: Ipolit Denika Maria Yakel Leontiy Trofimovich  1941: Dimitri Shchelkun Efirma Kuyava
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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.*