

# St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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

Protodeacon Robert Northrup

Parish Council President: John Grabavoy



**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

**Gospel:** St. Mark 10:32-45

**Fifth Sunday of Lent / St. Mary of Egypt / Ven. Titus the Wonderworker**

**Tone 8**

**Epistle:** Hebrews 9:11-14

## April Bulletin Sponsor

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### Liturgical & Events Schedule

#### Sunday, April 2

9:40 am: Hours

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy / Church School / Social / Sisterhood Meeting

6:00 pm: Deanery Lenten Mission in Milwaukee

#### Monday April 3

7:00 pm Village of Summit Board Meeting

#### Tuesday, April 4

10:00 am: March for Life Meeting

#### Wednesday, April 5

6:30 pm: Boy Scouts

7:00 pm: Lenten Service followed by Bible Study

#### Friday, April 7

7:00 pm: Great Vespers

#### Saturday, April 8

9:30 am Lazarus Saturday D. L.

6:00 pm: Great Vespers w/ Litya for Palm Sunday

#### Sunday, April 9

9:35 am: Hours followed by blessing of Palms and Pussy willows

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

6:00 pm: Bridegroom Deanery Mission @ Holy Trinity Cathedral w/ Bishop Paul

### CONFESSIONS

Confession will be heard before and after each Lenten service, Great Vespers and Sunday mornings before Liturgy.



### 40 DAYS REMEMBRANCE

April 2: Pamela

April 9: Helen Spanovich

April 30: Marilyn / Terror Attack London



### DEANERY LENTEN VESPERS SCHEDULE

Service begins at 6:00 p.m.

Join us in the spirit of prayer, harmony and peace! Let us get to know one another in our local Church.

Brief Homilies will focus on the "Psalms of Ascent" chanted at the Presanctified Liturgy.

#### Sunday, April 9

(Palm Sunday Bridegroom Matins)

Holy Trinity Cathedral

1121 North Leavitt St., Chicago, IL

Sermon: His Grace Bishop Paul

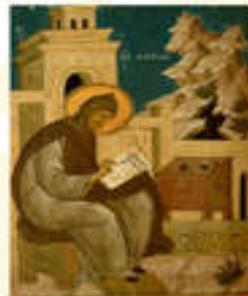
### SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM UP & RUNNING

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.

This is a great way for you to do your regular shopping and it benefit your church! Try it out!



"O Lord and Master of my life,  
Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair,  
lust of power  
and idle talk;

But give rather the spirit of chastity,  
humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King,  
grant me to see my own transgressions  
and not to judge my brother, for blessed  
art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen."

## Youth invited to enter FOCA's "Celebration of Faith" art contest

The [Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America](#) [FOCA] recently announced that "Who is My Neighbor" will be the theme of its 2017 "Celebration of Faith" contest.

Inspired this year by Christ's parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37, the creative arts contest is open to all Orthodox Christian youth who are communicants of a canonical parish or mission. Participants are invited to create and submit original artistic projects in the areas of literature, musical composition, photography and the visual arts. The deadline for submitting entries is May 15, 2017. [A detailed list of rules](#) for each category and an entry form may be accessed on the FOCA web site.

All entries will be displayed from at the 91st National FOCA Convention, slated to be held at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel near Hershey, PA September 1-4, 2017. [Additional convention information](#) will be available shortly.

Entries should be sent to FOCA Celebration of Faith, c/o Danielle Kovach, 8 Ginesi Drive, Clark, NJ 07066; [dkovach517@aol.com](mailto:dkovach517@aol.com).



### What is *Goodshop*?

Goodshop provides the best shopping deals and coupons AND a donation will be made to St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church! Not only do you save with great coupons for your most frequently shopped stores, but you also give at no extra cost.

Great idea! How do I get started?

Go to [www.goodsearch.com/goodshop](http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop) and register. Enter *St Panteleimon Orthodox Church* in the 'cause' search box and you're on your way.

Did you know that \$90.24 was donated to the parish in 2016? How much more can be done in 2017?!

Goodshop also has a free app. Check it out!

## EASTER FLOWERS

*\$20.00 donation*

There is a form in the back of the church. List the names of your living or deceased relatives or friends. They will be remembered during the Paschal Divine Liturgy.

### Fr. Andrew - (5 Flowers)

- In Memory of His Ordaining Bishop, Metropolitan Nicholas
- In Memory of his family & friends, especially his parents George & Dorothy
- For the Health of his Family and Friends
- For the Health of all parishioners and their families
- For the Health of the Police & Fire Dept's & the less fortunate of Summit.



Thank you Steve Nemic for purchasing the flowers for Sunday of the Cross.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Six (6) months into our fiscal year, income vs. expenses balance: **-\$2,740.27**

While this may seem like a negative situation, it is not. Why? Because we are actually on pace to finish in the black.

Remember, this is the first time our annual budget is \$80,000. Past budgets have been about \$65,000. If we continue to do what we are doing, the Lord will continue to bless us.

## HOLY WEEK SIGN-UP SHEETS

Volunteers are needed for the following Holy Week services:

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| Holy Wednesday: | 7 people to read Epistles                |
| Holy Thursday:  | 12 people to hold candles                |
| Holy Saturday:  | 15 people to read Old Testament passages |

*Sign up sheets are in the back of the Church.*



**AVAILABLE** - Please pick up your new copy located on the table in the vestibule of the church.

## Stewardship in Action: SV-OTS presents \$12K tithe to IEIRA

On November 29, 2016, Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary [SVOTS] received \$126,580.00 in donations for its annual #GivingTuesday campaign, and on March 13, 2107, the seminary gave one-tenth of it away. In keeping with its annual custom regarding #GivingTuesday, SVOTS presented a tithe of its received donations to a select partner with a special need, in thanksgiving to God for the bounty it had received.

This time around that partner is the Instituto Estudios Interdisciplinarios Rafael Ayau [IEIRA], an online university in Guatemala that is educating 300 students from Central and South America, including Orthodox Christian young men and women who once resided at Hogar Rafael Ayau and San Miguel del Lago orphanages. During a spring visit to IEIRA headquarters, Archpriest Chad Hatfield, President of Saint Vladimir's, personally presented a check for \$12,658.00 to Dr. Igumeni Inés Ayau García (aka Mother Inés), who is both Abbess of the Orthodox Monastery of the Holy Trinity and overseer of the Rafael and San Miguel orphanages, as well as Vice-Chancellor of the Senate governing IEIRA.

"This check for \$12,658.00 comes with the love and respect of your sister Orthodox institution in New York," Father Chad said during the presentation ceremony. "I followed what you were doing with IEIRA and I thought, 'What's the best way that we can assist you?' ... and so we decided, on #GivingTuesday, to use our own large internet communications capabilities from Saint Vladimir's, which literally go around the world — currently, we have students on campus from 12 countries!" [View a video of the presentation.]

The presentation took place just two days after a horrific tragedy at the Virgin of the Assumption Home, a state-run facility in Guatemala City, where a fire killed (by latest count) 40 teenage girls and a subsequent investigation uncovered issues of abuse and neglect in the institution's management.

During Father Chad's visit, Mother Inés not only expressed her gratitude for the funds for the university, but also asked that Orthodox Christians globally begin praying for a change in the laws that govern orphanages in Guatemala, in light of the recent tragedy. Additionally, Father Chad, Mother Inés, and another monastic from her monastery, Mother Ivonne, attended a public commemoration ceremony on March 14 for the 40 young women who perished in the blaze. At that ceremony, the two monastics presented a formal petition to the government, which included a call to their Congress to enact changes



*Young men raised and educated under the care of Mother Inés sporting their SVOTS #GivingTuesday t-shirts.*

in their country's present laws in order to help protect the abandoned children of Guatemala.

"This loss of young life," [Mother Inés stated in an open letter](#) accompanying her petition, "has shone a bright light on the darkness that exists regarding the situation faced by orphans and underprivileged youth in Guatemala, where the laws are completely against them and anyone who desires to help them.... Pray for our country. Pray for us."



*Mothers Inés and Ivonne among the crowd commemorating the loss of 40 teenage girls at a state-run facility and petitioning the government for an*

## IOCC intensifies outreach to Syria's suffering children, adolescents



After six years of conflict, International Orthodox Christian Charities [IOCC] is urging continued support for programs to meet the

needs of Syrian children and adolescents who face food insecurity, lack access to education, and bear deep psychological scars. Children displaced by the conflict in Syria, as well as those who are now refugees outside of the country, require support to address all aspects of their health and wellbeing.

The situation of more than 5.6 million children inside Syria, where IOCC has maintained an active presence since 2012 in partnership with the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch's Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (GOPA-DERD), remains the most desperate.

"The real danger for Syrian children and their families," explained Mark Ohanian, IOCC Senior Director of Middle East Programs, "is not just the immediate need for humanitarian aid to sustain them physically, but the long-term effects on their wellbeing caused by the trauma they have experienced and disruptions to their lives."

Majida, a 26-year-old refugee from Homs living in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, was unable to breastfeed her infant son Nader because of renal disease. He is just one of more than 1,000 Syrian refugee children in the Bekaa Valley who have been screened by IOCC staff. Ten percent of the children screened were found to be at-risk of malnutrition, either because of underlying medical conditions or lack of support for nursing mothers. In addition to providing breastfeeding

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assistance, children found to be at-risk are provided with protein-rich, high-calorie supplements to promote their healthy development.

Through screening and simple interventions, the prognosis for Nader has improved and his wellbeing has also benefited his family. “A mother’s milk is the best nutrition for the baby as it provides immunity, while the bottle might catch germs and cause the baby to get ill. Nader is in better health with breastfeeding, and we are able to cut down our expenses and spend on other priorities in the difficult conditions we are living in,” Majida said.

Even for otherwise healthy Syrian children, the war is taking its toll. Three million Syrian children born since the beginning of the conflict have experienced prolonged fear from bombings and violence, the loss of family members and friends, and anxiety caused by repeated dislocation and uncertainty.

In an effort to address the trauma on Syrian children, IOCC and its partners began establishing Dream Centers to provide child-friendly environments for Syrian children who are homeless, orphaned, displaced and those with disabilities. Four centers, including one serving Aleppo, in Syria have been established to date to provide psychosocial support, offer instruction in personal care and hygiene, problem-solving and non-violent communication, as well as how to express their feelings and respond and adapt to challenging social situations. Participating children and their parents learn through theater, sports, games, art and other interactive sessions that take place over the course of three months. The program is supervised by a psychiatrist who follows up with the children requiring additional support.

School-aged children also face increasing obstacles to receiving an education. The UN estimates that one in four Syrian schools have been damaged, destroyed, or occupied and more than half of Syrian children are out of school. In Lebanon, which hosts more Syrian refugees than any other country, eight out of every ten Syrian refugee children are not enrolled in school.

In Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Greece, IOCC is providing remedial classes in English, math, and other subjects to keep children engaged and minimize gaps in learning so that they are able to return to formal education. School uniforms, required in many countries, are also being provided to children. Inside Syria, IOCC has employed Syrian women displaced by the conflict to make school uniforms. The cash-for-work program provides children with the uniforms required for school and much-needed income for the women and their families who are often dependent on aid to survive. In rural Damascus and elsewhere in Syria, children and their teachers show remarkable resilience. During cold winter months, many children went to school wrapped in coats and scarves without electricity or heat so that they would not fall behind.

## Holy Synod Spring Session to open March 28

The Spring Session of the [Holy Synod of Bishops](#) of the Orthodox Church in America will be held at the Chancery here from Tuesday, March 28 through Friday, March 31, 2017.

According to Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, OCA Secretary, the meeting will open with the address of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon. Reports from the OCA’s Officers — Archpriest John Jillions, Chancellor; Melanie Ringa, Treasurer; and Father Eric — will be presented, as will updates by Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky, Director of [External Affairs](#); the OCA General Counsel; and representatives of the Church’s boards, departments, commissions and other offices. Especially highlighted will be the work of the OCA [Department of Christian Education](#) and the [Department of Christian Service and Humanitarian Aid](#), while an update on the OCA’s communications efforts and web site also will be presented. In addition, the [Board of Theological Education](#) will present the list of ordination candidates through the [Diaconal Vocations Program](#). A key agenda item will be a [review of the work of the Preconciliar Commission](#), charged with organizing the [19th All-American Council](#) [AAC], slated to convene in Saint Louis, MO in July 2018. Among the AAC-related matters to be reviewed will be the Council theme, logo, preliminary agenda and associated events.

Also slated to be presented is a report on the [progress of the Holy Synod’s Standing Committee for Canonical Procedure](#), which is examining the process of spiritual courts and the work of the Spiritual Abuse Working Group, based on the initiative from the [18th AAC](#). The reestablishment of the Canonization and Bioethics Commissions also will be under consideration. Initial plans for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the glorification of Saint Herman of Alaska and the autocephaly of the OCA, both of which will be observed in 2020, and this year’s 100th Anniversary of the election of Saint Tikhon as Patriarch of Moscow, also will be reviewed.

On Wednesday evening, March 29, members of the Holy Synod will meet with graduating OCA students from [Saint Tikhon’s Seminary](#), South Canaan, PA and [Saint Vladimir’s Seminary](#), Yonkers, NY, who will sing the responses at the celebration of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

The Holy Synod of Bishops is the supreme canonical authority in the Orthodox Church in America. Chaired by the Metropolitan, the Synod includes as voting members all diocesan bishops.

## Prayer List - UPDATED 3-27-17

**Prigists:** His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius, His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman, His Eminence Archbishop Iagovos Anthony Spenglar, John Kuchta, James Gleason (*Fr.'s spiritual father*), John Duranko, \*Eugene Tarris,\*Ted Bobosh, \*Joseph Gibson,\* Philip Lashbrook, \*John Reeves, Fr. Emilian Hutnyan, Deacon Bohdan Melnychenko

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

**Parishiongrs:** Karen Muzyka, Ronald Stachowiak, Rebecca Eggers, Sonja Harris, Pauline Michals, Marilyn, Michals, Pat Svava

**Parishiongr's Family:** Sandra (*Karen's sister*), Erika Northrup, Mary Northrup, Raymond Northrup, Mark Svava, Joey Krush, Jan Kost (*Linda's sister*), Tommy Leonchik, Jason Kirnbauer, 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, Karina

**Other Requests:** 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 Becky Eggers*), Laurel (*Bill Rudolph's daughter*), Deputy Chief Frank Batura, \*John Sedor, \*Daria Petrykowski, \*Cynthia Koranda, \*Helen Liss, 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

**Captivgrs:** 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.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2017		
SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 5th</b>	 <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Trust in God, not yourself! Ask for His help before every task this week!
Normal Fast Week <b>FEBRUARY 12th</b>	 <b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare <b>FEBRUARY 19th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 <b>The Last Judgment</b> Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9; 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing east this week. Christ is returning from the east and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare <b>FEBRUARY 26th</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 <b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> Reading: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 5th</b>	 <b>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY</b> Reading: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1: 43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 12th</b>	 <b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Reading: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12	Bring a Chotki (prayer rope) to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 19th</b>	 <b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9: 1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 26th</b>	 <b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20 & Eph 5:9-19 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31 & MT 4:25-5: 12	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 2nd</b>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>April 9th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palms and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 14th</b>	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet, & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 16th</b> NO FASTING!	 <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Gospel: John 1: 1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and good night!

### YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) (A program of FOCUS North America)

When: Friday, April 28-Sunday April 30

What: A wonderful opportunity to serve and love the people of Chicago, IL

Who: 13 yrs old through College

Where: We will meet at 5:00pm on Friday and stay Friday and Saturday nights at All Saints Antiochan Orthodox Church: 4129 W Newport Ave Chicago, IL 60641. The service learning weekend will come to a close following Liturgy on Sunday, April 30.

Cost: A registration gift of \$150 will cover all trip expenses, make it possible for the Yes Program to prepare and execute the trip, and enable our service team to meet the needs of those we serve.

Register: [www.yesnorthamerica.org](http://www.yesnorthamerica.org) / Questions: Please contact Katrina Bitar, YES Program Director @ [kbitar@focusna.org](mailto:kbitar@focusna.org) or Larissa Hatch, Trip Leader: [larissahatch07@gmail.com](mailto:larissahatch07@gmail.com)

**APRIL CELEBRATIONS**

BIRTHDAY	NAME DAY	ANNIVERSARY
1-Patricia Svara 2-Fr. Andrew 4-His Grace Bishop Matthias 5-Linda Davik 9-Theodore Grabavoy (baby) 9-Lynn Kirnbauer 20-Laura Grabavoy 24-Edward Northrup 28-Kylie Marron (Child) 28-Fr. Herman 28-Luis Posada	22- Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit 25- His Grace Bishop Mark of Philadelphia	30- 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Retired, Bishop Matthias

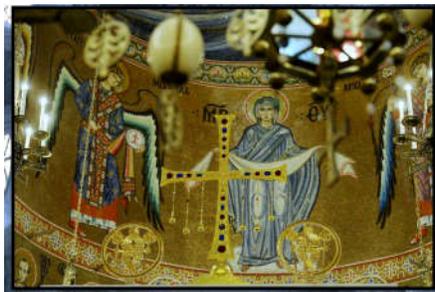
*If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.*

**Chicago-area pan-Orthodox Akathist Hymn to be celebrated April 4**

LAKE VILLA, IL [MW Diocese Communications] — The Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Chicago will sponsor its annual lenten pan-Orthodox celebration of the Akathist Hymn at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

The Akathist will be sung at the Holy Protection of the Mother of God Serbian Orthodox Monastery “New Gračanica”, 35240 West Grand Avenue, Lake Villa, IL.

The public is invited to attend.



You see very clearly that it is extremely difficult, and without God’s grace and your own fervent prayer and abstinence, impossible, for you to change for the better. You feel within yourself the action of a multitude of passions: of pride, malice, envy, greediness, the love of money, despondency, slothfulness, fornication, impatience, and disobedience; and yet you remain in them, are often bound by them, whilst the long-suffering Lord bears with you, awaiting your return and amendment; and still bestows upon you all the gifts of His mercy.

Be then indulgent, patient, and loving to those who live with you, and who also suffer from many passions; conquer every evil by good, and, above all, pray to God for them, that He may correct them—that He may turn their hearts to Himself, the source of holiness. Do not help the Devil to spread his kingdom. Hallow the name of your Heavenly Father by your actions; help Him to spread His Kingdom on earth. ‘For we are laborers together with God.’

Be zealous of the fulfillment of His will on earth, as it is in heaven. Forgive them that trespass against you with joy, as a good son rejoices when he has a chance of fulfilling the will of his beloved father.

~ St. John of Kronstadt ~

**APRIL - REPOSED**

1-Helen Smolarek (99) 2- Suzanne Davik (08) 2- Petra Vasilevska (86) 4- Ruby Stevens (08) 4- Julius Spengler (05) 5- Stella (Anastasia) Spakowski (97) 8- Benjamin Howard Sr. (89) 10- Julia Ginalick Yarmoluk (86)	11 Archbishop John (82) 15- Anna Bennett (99) 15- Lambrini (16) 21- Olga P. Kozal (04) 21- Mary Iverson (15) 23- Thelma Gazelle (99) 25- Paul Switch (06) 28- Sophie Bloschynsky (03)	1944: Afrida Glushko (3 yrs old) Theodore Sviridiuk  1945: Gregory Golubev
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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.*