



Sunday, November 7, 2021

Gospel: [St. Luke 8:41-56](#)

Tone 3

Epistle: [Galatians 1:11-19](#)

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenary Martyrs Melasippus, Carina, their son, Antoninus, and forty children converted by their martyrdom, at Ancyra

## NOVEMBER Bulletin Sponsor:

*Fr. Andrew in memory of my mother Dorothy*

### *Liturgical & Events Schedule*

#### **Sunday, Nov. 7**

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

#### **Monday, Nov. 8**

9:20 am Hours / Divine Liturgy

#### **Tuesday, Nov. 9**

6:00 pm Council meeting @ Rectory

#### **Thursday, Nov. 11**

9:20 am Hours / Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm Veterans Memorial Service @ VFW (Fr. Andrew to participate & speak)

6:00 pm Lions Club Meeting

#### **Saturday, Nov. 12**

4:00 pm Great Vespers

#### **Sunday, Nov. 13**

9:20 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social / Change  
linens & candles to red

### NOVEMBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

**Bulletin:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of his mother Dorothy

**Chandelier:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of his grandmother Mary Billy / Basil in loving memory of my sister Marion

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of Archbishop David from Alaska

**Candles on the Tomb:** (\$25) Fr. Andrew in memory of his family & friends reposed in November

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Fr. Andrew in memory of former Pastors who reposed in November.

**Candles @ the Cross:** (\$15) From Laura & Jim for the health of Betty Kovach

**Candles @ Icon of St Tikhon:** (\$15)

### FOCA to Host Virtual Christmas Concert

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America is coordinating a “virtual” Christmas concert to be streamed live via YouTube on Sunday, December 26th, 2021. All Pastors and Parish Choirs are invited to participate LIVE via Zoom or by sending in a pre-recorded video including a greeting by your parish priest.

Those interested in participating are asked to contact Father Nicholas Wyslutzky via email: [focaspiritualadvisor@gmail.com](mailto:focaspiritualadvisor@gmail.com) for more information or to reserve your spot and selections. The number of carols or nativity hymns will be based on the number of participants.

### Department of Evangelization Releases 8 More Free Brochures for Download

The Department of Evangelization of the Orthodox Church in America has made 8 more free printable brochures available for download. The newest titles are topics dealing with Love and Perfection, and Christmas and Theophany. The remainder of the pamphlets in the series will be updated in the coming months. A PDF text field has been included on the back section of the pamphlet for parishes and other ministries to include important contact information using the freely available Adobe Acrobat Reader or other PDF program. The original announcement can be read here.

You can support the ongoing projects of the Departments of the OCA by considering a gift to the Stewards of the OCA. Your financial support is crucial to the success of these endeavors! For questions about the work of the Departments, contact Father Thomas Soroka at [tsoroka@oca.org](mailto:tsoroka@oca.org).



# Save the Date

- Saturday, December 25- Free Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday, January 5- Theophany Holy Night Supper
- Saturday, January 8- Blessing of the Lake
- Sunday, January 23, 2021 @ 1:00pm - Local March for Life in Port Clinton. The March is about an hour (about a mile) followed by a reception at Knights of Columbus. If one can't walk, prayers will be offered at the Knights until the March is completed
- Sunday, January 30- Annual Church Meeting

## 40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

**Nov. 7:** Protopresbyter Lawrence Barringer  
**Nov 14:** Patricia  
**Nov. 21:** Metropolitan Jonah from Uganda  
**Nov. 28:** Regina Lomme  
**Dec. 5:** Gordon Schutt / Fr. Maximos Herman

## NOVEMBER CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of Nov. 7	Natalie
Week of Nov. 14	Laura
Week of Nov. 21	Susan
Week of Nov. 28	Laura



## Venerable Lazarus, Wonderworker of Mount Galesius Near Ephesus Commemorated on November 7

Saint Lazarus the Wonderworker of Mt Galesius near Ephesus was born in Lydia, in the city of Magnesium. An educated young man who loved God, Lazarus became a monk at the monastery of Saint Savva, the founder of great ascetic piety in Palestine. He spent ten years within the walls of the monastery, winning the love and respect of the brethren for his intense monastic struggles.

Ordained to the holy priesthood by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Saint Lazarus returned to his native country and settled near Ephesus, on desolate Mount Galesius. Here he saw a wondrous vision: a fiery pillar, rising up to the heavens, was encircled by angels singing, "Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered."

On the place where the saint beheld this vision, he built a church in honor of the Resurrection of Christ and took upon himself the feat of pillar-dwelling. Monks soon began to flock to the great ascetic, thirsting for spiritual nourishment by the divinely-inspired words and blessed example of the saint, and a monastery was established there.

Having received a revelation about the day of his death, the saint told the brethren. Through the tearful prayers of all the monks, the Lord prolonged the earthly life of Saint Lazarus for another fifteen years.

Saint Lazarus died at 72 years of age, in the year 1053. The brethren buried the body of the saint at the pillar upon which he had struggled in asceticism. He was glorified by many miracles after his death.

Saint Lazarus is also commemorated on July 17.

## Diocesan Choir Ministry to hold event in Cleveland Deanery

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Mogadore, OH will be the site for church singers to gather for the upcoming Cleveland Deanery Choir Retreat.

The St. Andrew of Crete Choir Ministry, the diocesan ministry for music, will be hosting a local event in the greater Cleveland area entitled, "Heaven and Earth."

"Our committee is excited to host its first face-to-face event. I am sharing the registration flyer with all of you for the November 20 Cleveland Deanery Choir Retreat," said Elena Monahan, the event coordinator.

The event will be held on November 20, the eve of the feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Participants are invited to stay and sing for festal vespers at 5:00 P.M. Lunch will be provided by the local parishes.

NOTE: Flyer in church basement

**LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE  
OCTOBER**

**Saturday, 10/2:** 6 attended Vespers  
**Sunday, 10/3:** 22 attended Liturgy (7 were guests) /  
13 Communicants  
**Sunday, 10/10:** 166 attended liturgy (1 was a guest) /  
11 Communicants  
**Saturday, 10/16:** 5 attended Vespers  
**Sunday, 10/17:** 14 attended Liturgy / 9  
Communicants  
**Saturday, 10/23:** 8 attended Vespers  
**Sunday, 10/24:** 21 attended Liturgy (2 of which were  
visitors) / 14 Communicants

**OCTOBER: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY  
Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825**

**Oct. 3:** \$1,538  
**Oct 10:** \$1,285  
**Oct. 17:** \$ 623  
**Oct. 24:** \$ 853  
**Monthly Total:** \$4,299

**OCTOBER: OTHER INCOME**

**Goal for the month in this category: \$2,670**

**Oct 3:** \$37 Candles; \$175 Vigils; \$11 Anonymous  
\$100 Donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$100 Chandelier;  
\$25 Candles on the Tomb; \$125 Altar Candles  
**Oct.10:** \$35 Candles; \$80 Vigils; \$10.05 Donations;  
\$50 Altar Candles  
**Oct. 17:** \$12 Candles; \$130 Vigils; \$10 Donations  
**Oct. 24:** \$47 Candles; \$40 Donations; \$105 Vigils;  
\$200 Holy Day Donations; \$15 Candles @ Cross  
**Monthly Total: \$1,357**

**RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS  
OCTOBER**

**Oct 3:** \$25 Support the Seminarians; \$60 Holiday  
Bureau; \$1,726 for Fr. Richter's Family  
**Oct. 10:** \$25 Cemetery; \$100 Holiday Bureau; \$100  
Support our Seminarians  
**Oct. 17:** \$360 Building Restoration

**FINANCIAL'S FOR MONTH OF OCT**

**Income:** \$ 5,538  
**Expenses:** \$11, 545  
**TOTAL:** **-\$6,007**

**YTD**

**Income:** \$ 74,491  
**Expenses:** \$105,890  
**TOTAL:** **-\$31,399**



**THANK YOU'S RECEIVED**

Thank you letters have been received from the following:

Light House Sober Living  
St. Tikhon's Seminary  
St.Vladimir's Seminary  
Ruth Ann's House (a domestic violence safe house for  
women & their children)

NOTE: All are posted downstairs on bulletin board.

**Terminology: Services / Absolution / Cremation**

Question: Where can one obtain the names of the  
many orthodox devotional service—I'm not speaking  
of the Divine Liturgy or the Hours—in parallel col-  
umns with greek terms and slavic terms coordinated?

parastasa, pannychis, panikhidi, panikhida  
mol(i)eben  
akathist (great and lesser)  
paraklesis (great and lesser)  
akolouthia (in its more specific sense)  
Agrypnia

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**BULLETIN BOARD UPDATED**

There are many new items posted on the bulletin  
board downstairs. Please take a look during the cof-  
fee socials

## PRAYER LIST- UPDATED NOVEMBER 4

**HIERARCH'S / CLERGY:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Berry; Gregory Grivna; Emilian Hutnyan; Joseph Von Klarr; Michael Kuzara; Michael Macura; Basil Stoyka, Peter Tutko; Andrew Yarvonitsky; John Zabinko / Deacon Paul Gansle, Deacon Peter Rentsch, / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

**MATUSHKII:** Pani Patricia Duranko; Virginia Lecko; Maura McCarntey; Trudi Richter; Margaret Zabinko

**PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:** Tammy Blackford; Robert Blackford; James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); James Billy (Fr.); Kristen (Cassell); Marguerite Bird; Maryann Cook (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Ben Grosik (Hritsko); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Ellie Hritsko; Charisse (Hileman); Betty Kovach; David LaValle (Fr); Helen Lis; Child Stephanos (Loizos); Scott Lucas (Fr); David Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Nancy Naiser (Royhab); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Christi Soski; Joe Schutt; Valerie Schutt; Steven Schirtzinger (Soski); Dacia Snider (Hileman); Doris Toth (Hritsko); Diane Tryon; Greg Tyron; Tom Twarek; Tim; the child Bodhi (Cassell); Elinor Williams (Golob); Kathryn Tryon & her unborn baby

**OTHER REQUESTS:** Child Ezra; Mark Britton (Hritsko); Ernest Cornwell (Hritsko); James Crane (Hritsko); Layne Demkosky (Fr); Paul Demkosky (Fr); Jack Eilrich (Fr.); Baby Finn (Cassell); Marge Dziama; Ruthe Flewelling; Ben Franklin (Kovach); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Maria (ABP); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr); Karen Muzyka (fr); Michal Richter (ABL); Sara Richter (ABL); Anika Richter (ABL); William Romanchak (Fr); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Janice Timko; George Timko; Loren Welch (Fr); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr)

**MILITARY:** Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Nicholas & Tikhon

**CAPTIVES:** Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo), Archbishop John Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo, The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world



**NOTE:** ABL (Archbishop's request) / Please let FR. Andrew know who can come off the list or be put on.

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### CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND

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Purpose of fund: To provide some small financial assistance to a parishioner, family member or community member who has suffered a catastrophic event.

Currently two (2) people have received support from this fund. One (1) person from the Diocese and one (1) person from the Village.

Funds will be offered at the discretion & blessing of the Rector and the discretion of the Board.

The fund needs replenishment. Please prayerfully consider helping to achieve that goal.

This money can also be used for outreach programs in the parish.

Thank You and God Bless your generosity. Thank you for all those who have contributed in the past.

Thank you and God bless!



## St. John of Chicago Remembered by His Spiritual Children Over 118 Years Later

The faithful of the greater Chicago metropolitan area came together on the Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31, to celebrate the Hieromartyr John, at the very location that he built and labored for Christ.

This annual solemn event, which the Orthodox Church in America celebrates every October 31, is in commemoration of the martyrdom of the holy missionary priest to America, St. John Kochurov. Having spent over a decade in this land, and having erected a temple in Chicago, he is greatly loved and honored as an American saint.

The parish which Father John came to serve shortly after graduating from the academy in St. Petersburg, Russia, Holy Trinity Cathedral, dedicates the month of October to their local saint. This celebration climaxed that weekend with an inaugural lecture by Priest Esteban Vazquez, entitled, “St. John Kochurov and the way of the Cross.” Speaking in the Rectory building in which St. John lived with his family while in Chicago, Fr. Esteban described the many difficulties that St. John endured and how his life followed the way of the Cross.

Father quoted various verses from Holy Scripture and developed the theme of the Cross, asking those in attendance to also reflect and understand the difficulties of this way of life; “beloved, God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life—and that plan includes being a loser in this world, dying to self, and perhaps even to be killed by the sword. This, and only this, is what it means to be a Christian, to bear the name of Christ and the sign of the scandal of his Cross. This, and only this, is the meaning of the life of our beloved St. John, whom we honor today.”

Following the lecture, the bells rang calling all to the All-night Vigil held in honor of the Resurrection, and the feast of St. John of Chicago. Local parishes from all over the Chicago Deanery joined this celebration. Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean presided over the services and was joined by, Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Rector of St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Bur Ridge, IL; Priest Jacob Van Sickle, Rector of Protection of the Virgin Mary Church,

Merrillville, IN; Priest Jonathan Lincoln, Rector of Christ the Savior Church, Chicago, IL; Priest Philip Maikkula, head of the St. Makarios Mission, Chicago, IL. Additionally, Cathedral deacon’s Thomas Keith and Paul Garklavs, Deacon Nikolai Lochmatow of Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral (ROCOR), and Deacon Andrew Bender of Christ the Savior Church. The choir was under the direction of Reader Philip Sokolov.

Following the First Hour, everyone was invited to the hall to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

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### Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord’s brother.



## NOVEMBER Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS
<p>Oct. 31- Paul &amp; Layne Demkosky                      11-1-2008: Retired Metropolitan Jonah (Consecration)                      11-12-2008: Retired Metropolitan Jonah (Elected Primate)                      11-13-2012: The Most Blessed Tikhon (Elected as Primate)                      4- Fr. Matthew Moriak priestly ordination                      11-15-1980: Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NAMESDAY</b></p> <p>11-6: Bishop Paul of Chicago                      11-25: Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa                      11-30: His Grace Andrei of Cleveland</p>	<p>31- Fr. Peter Zarynow                      1- AP Fr. ohn Zdinak                      7-Philip Sokolov                      11- Amanda Kovach                      16- Valerie Schutt                      16- Madelyn (Laura's grand-daughter)                      17- Cole Heffernan                      17- Roddie Mazurik                      18- Angie Kukay</p> <p>19- Fr. Andrew Groom                      19- Kristen Cassell                      19- Mollie Demkosky                      23- Cheyanne Welch                      23- Joe Samilenko                      28- Darryl Whitham                      30- Kristen Basala</p>

### BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND

Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming!



Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the restoration, repair and beautification of the building and parish room. This will avoid using general funds which are earmarked for budgetary items. Please consider contributing generously to the *Building/Restoration Fund*.



## NOVEMBER Reposed

<p>Oct. 31- Margaret Basala (2002)                      Oct. 31- George Rusincovitch (1994)                      1-Peter Felenchak (1974)                      2- Donald Sennich (1994)                      3- Marian Glovinsky (2001)                      5- Margaret Pietropolo (2009)                      6- Joseph Guzy (1974)                      6- William Rentz (2018)                      6- Michael Chemorov (2019)                      7- Desiree Flaherty ((1960)                      8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003)                      8- Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004)                      9- Ann Golob                      10- Mary Billy (1934) (Grandmother)                      11- Dorothy Bartek (2005)                      11- Protodeacon Dennis Lucak (2018)                      11- Matushka Helen Lucak (2018)                      18- Archpriest George Timko (2000) Former Pastor                      19- Evelyn Biecheler (2002)                      19- Fr. John Dolhy (2006)</p>	<p>19- Frances (Nancy B. mom) 2019                      19- Orestes Mihaly                      21- Ann S. Ratica (1991)                      21- Fr. Joseph Mihaly (1975)                      22- Joann Carender                      23- George Michael Elchisco (2016)                      23- Serge Mihaly (2019)                      25- Luba Johnson (2020)                      26- Janet Elchisko (2018)                      28- Anna Grabonsky (1972)                      29-Alexander Mazur (2003)                      29- His Eminence Archbishop David from Alaska                      Michael Guzy (1927)                      Mary Lou Hobson (2015)                      Mary Hritsko (1948)-Nov                      Anna Holodnak (1951)Nov                      John Danchisen</p>
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**March for Life / Washington, DC  
January 20-22, 2022**

**Sign up NOW!**

Jan. 20- Bus leaves Port Clinton and Sandusky early

Jan. 21- March for Life

Jan. 22- Return w/ special stop along the way home to St. Anthony's Chapel in Pittsburgh, PA

This trip is sponsored by the Respect Life Ministry of St. Joe's & Immaculate Conception. Reminder: Fr. Andrew is Orthodox representative.

Total Price: \$240 before 12-11 / \$290 after  
Single room: \$360 before 12-11 / \$410 after  
75% refund for cancellations before Jan. 1 / No refund after. See Fr. Andrew for additional info.

**Why go to the March for Life?**

As our voice grows stronger, abortion advocates are changing the narrative and the tools to kill baby humans with:

-Abortion pills by mail

-Removing the Hyde amendment from national legislation allowing taxpayers dollars to pay for abortions

-H.R. 3755, the so called Women's Health Protection act (which would allow abortions through all 9 months of pregnancy and cripple state heartbeat and other pro-life laws) has passed the U.S. House of representatives and is under consideration in the U.S. Senate. We need to fight this aggressively.

**READERS**

Sunday, Nov. 7	Ron
Sunday, Nov. 14	Tim
Sunday, Nov. 21	Ron
Sunday, Nov. 28	Tim

**For Your Prayers**

**Diane Tryon**

109 Joslyn Street  
Arcadia, OH 44804

**Join Three Virtual Events with the Fellowship of  
Orthodox Christians in America**

The National Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America will be hosting three upcoming virtual events:

A Virtual National Youth Retreat and Tour of Saint Tikhon's Monastery, November 26, 2021, hosted by Archimandrite Sergius and the Monastery Brotherhood.

A Virtual Saint Andrew's Day Celebration, November 30, 2021, hosted by Saint Nicholas Church, Mogadore, OH.

A Virtual Tour of Bethlehem, December 12, 2021, hosted by Archpriest Ilya Gotlinsky. All proceeds from this charitable event will be donated to the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America's United fund.

All 3 Fliers are posted on Bulletin Board Downstairs with additional information.

**Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule:**

**October 25-November 15**

**St. Elizabeth the New Martyr, St. Paul, MINN,**  
November 6th to 8th

Elevation of the Priest Richard Flom to Archpriest

**Visits to St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's  
Seminaries, November 9th to 11th**

**Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL,**  
November 13th to 14th

**St. Nicholas Church, Mogadore, OH,**  
November 18th to 21st

**St. Nicholas Church, Kenosha, WI,**  
November 27th to 28th

**Bishop's Council/Diocesan Council,**  
December 2nd to 3rd, Burr Ridge, IL

**St. Nicholas Church, Mentor, OH,**  
December 4th to 5th

## Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

### EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

The Ability to Express One's Emotions, and be Empathetic to the Needs of Others

When we are in our head, we are more judgmental, yet when we are in our heart, we become non-judgmental. Being critical of others is not an Orthodox trait, for being critical, whether of other people, or even the way we approach our faith, can be a sign we are not centered in the heart. Holiness is about being made whole, and this wholeness depends on being

centered in the heart, wherein we find the Kingdom of God.

In the world of psychology, emotional intelligence is the ability to be sensitive to the feelings, or to the view point, of others. Emotional intelligence helps us avoid hurting another person's feelings, and allows us to be open to how they might feel. It helps us refrain from judging them, and even appreciate their point of view, even when we disagree with them. Emotional intelligence is the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically.

Orthodoxy, because of the emphasis on the heart, opens us to possibilities that are often closed in other Christian traditions, for the image of the Church as a hospital of the soul allows us to see ourselves, and others, as needing the healing that comes with a relationship centered in the God Who loves us. It is a relationship with a God Who desires to transform us, and make us holy (whole). In this relationship, we see ourselves as ill, so we don't judge others, for they are just like us, and in need of healing. We don't even exclude those whose views are different than ours, even if they hold to beliefs, be they political or religious, that seem in total opposition to the ideas we hold dear.

If the other person is an atheist or a believer, a Buddhist or a Muslim, a liberal or a conservative, they are not a threat to us, for we are secure, for we see ourselves, and everyone else, as a patient in need of healing. As an Orthodox Christian, we are able to see everyone, even unbelievers, as impacted by Jesus Christ, the Word of God, through Whom the cosmos itself came into being. We know this very Christ desires that all come to the knowledge of the true, and be saved. We judge no one, and make no distinction between those who are like us, and those who are different from us. We love everyone, because Christ loves everyone.

Emotional intelligence enables us to work together for the common good, while avoiding self-serving power trips that serve us, but keep others from succeeding. Emotional intelligence enables us to see things through the eyes of others, and enables us to desire the best for them. It even enables us to further the salvific message of the Gospels, because we don't get in the way of the message. Others can experience God's love because the empathy we have for their feelings is imaged in how we interact with them, and how we demonstrate our respect for their life experiences, feelings, viewpoints, and beliefs.

With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon



## Terminology Con't from Pg 3

and what are the names in the two traditions for the many services/commemorations of those fallen asleep (funeral, 3d, 9th, 40th days, annual, etc., and just at any time?—slava, trisagion, etc).

As one who lives far from any orthodox clergy at the moment, and have a background that includes attendance at the ROCOR, GOA, and Ukrainian Orthodox temples, I'd like to see a chart of parallel terminology. The differences in terminology are unfortunately not self-evident.

Second, since the Greek and Russian absolutions at confession are quite different, where can one get the texts? (Some Russian prayerbooks have the slavic—but none of my Greek prayerbooks has got the Greek text.)

Third, is there a common Orthodox view toward cremation? As i live in a state dotted with buddhist temples where the majority seem to accept cremation as the norm, is cremation different in different jurisdictions? Or is it a decision (in some or all jurisdictions) for a given hierarch to make for those under his aegis?

Answer

### Terminology for Names of Services

Thank you for your enquiry concerning the various terms used for Orthodox liturgical services.

### Concerning cremation

Orthodox Christians universally agree that burial is preferred unless there is some extenuating circumstance which would warrant cremation only upon obtaining a blessing from the appropriate hierarch.

While I am not completely sure, I have heard in some circles that in Japan everyone must be cremated, although I emphasize that I am not completely positive about this. There is no tradition within Orthodoxy which promotes cremation. The body, even after death, is seen to have been the temple of the Holy Spirit and as such is accorded proper respect.

Unfortunately, I do not know of any such comparative list. Distinguishing between these names seems to be something people acquire on an individual

basis based on their need and experience.

For example in my own parish, which is made up of people of a variety of different backgrounds, I have to on occasion rely on a variety of terms for memorials or for Services of Thanksgiving. When such services are announced English terms are used instead of favoring one non-English term over another. For example, instead of announcing that a “Molieben’ will be held it is announced that a “Service of Thanksgiving’ will be held. Everyone understands that—only the Slavs, and then only some of them, recognize the word “Molieben.’

Concerning names for the services that follow death, a Funeral is simply known as a “Funeral” or the “Rite of Burial.” In Slavic it is an “Otpivaniye.” The services on the 3rd, 9th, 40th etc. days are called in Slavic “Panikhida” or “Parastasis” or in Serbian “Pomen” or in Greek “Mnemosyno”, although the shortened version of these, beginning with the Trisagion prayers and going immediately into the closing troparia, is often referred to as a “Litiya for the Dead” or a “Trisagion.” There is no exact English equivalent of these other than “Memorial” or Memorial Service.”

Your suggestion to post a parallel list of such terms is a good one, and I am sure that if someone were to take the time to draft one we could pass it on to our webmaster for posting.

### Concerning absolution at confession

The texts of these are generally found in the Book of Needs. Various prayer books may or may not include this—generally they do not because many prayer books are simply compilations of various prayers and services selected at the editor’s discretion, rather than being “official” traditional service books, such as the Ochoichos, the Triodion, the Pentecostarion, the Book of Needs, etc. The Book of Needs carries all the sacraments and other rites such as prayers at birth, for the naming of the child, at the parting of soul and body, etc.

Concerning the Russian and Greek forms of the absolution, the difference is generally in the addition in some Russian books which has the priest adding a phrase “and I an unworthy sinner remit, pardon, and absolve all your sins ...” which is a later addition to the traditional absolution in which the priest proclaims that Christ has forgiven one’s sins.

**Give As You Have Been Blessed**

*"You shall truly tithe all the increase... year by year. And you shall eat before the Lord your God... the tithe of your grain and your new wine... that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always" (Deuteronomy 14:22-23)*

**2022 Household Estimate of Giving**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ - weekly - biweekly - monthly - (circle one)

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

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

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

**\*\*Please remember: if unforeseen hardships change your ability to give, you will not be held accountable to your original estimate. Simply speak with Fr. Andrew and different arrangements will be made. Conversely, if the Lord blesses you more than you had originally foreseen, feel free to give more than your estimate.\*\***

Return by December 5, 2021

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

**“Thine Own of Thine Own, we offer unto Thee”**  
*A note from Fr. Andrew*

Every week our financial picture is put in the bulletin. If we read it, we take note that we do not meet our budget obligations. Our budget is very tight. In order to meet our expenses, additional funds need to come in from somewhere. If not for our Halupki Festival and our Market days, this parish would be in financial distress.

Many of us say, “We are getting too old to keep doing these events.” and “It is the same handful of people doing the work.” However, ask, “If we do away with the fundraisers, what will happen to Holy Assumption? Will the doors close?” I can assure you, that would be the case.

It is imperative more people become active in the parish and increase their giving.

God has provided for us and for this parish. The question is, are we willing to give back a portion to God of what He has provided to us? The priest says right before the consecration of the bread and wine, “Thine own of Thine own, we offer unto Thee.” Can we, will we, say the same about our financial support of this parish?

Above is the 2022 Pledge Card. As we pray about what we will return to God this year in financial support of this parish, I respectfully ask everyone to consider a minimum 5% increase over last year. That means, for example, if we currently give:

- \$10 a week, an additional 5% equals 50 cents to that weekly offering.
- \$20 a week, an additional 5% equals \$1.00 to that weekly offering.
- \$25 a week, an additional 5% equals \$1.25 to that weekly offering (\$65 a year increase).
- \$50 a week, an additional 5% equals \$2.50 to that weekly offering (\$130 a year increase).

Thank you and God bless you for your consideration of this very important spiritual matter.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

This year everyone please fill out this form in order to be considered a member in good standing. Remember this form reflects your weekly Sunday Tithe to the church only. The form does not reflect everything you give to the church, (i.e. candles, etc).