



# Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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### *Liturgical & Events Schedule*

#### **Sunday, Oct 9**

9:10 AM: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

Thursday, Oct. 13

6:30 PM: Lions Club Meeting

#### **Saturday, Oct. 15**

9:20 AM: Hours & Divine Liturgy (40 day for His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman)

4:00 pm Great Vespers

#### **Sunday, Oct 16**

9:10 AM: Hours / Divine Liturgy/ Social

3:30 PM: 125TH Ann. Divine Liturgy @ St Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church

5:00 PM: Anniversary Banquet

### **Sunday October 2, 2022**

**Gospel:** Luke 7:11-16 / John 10:9-16

**Epistle:** 2nd Corinthians 6:16-17:1 / Hebrews 7:26-8:2

**Tone 8. 17th Sunday After Pentecost. Holy Apostle James (Jacob), son of Alphaeus. Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America. Ven. Andronicus, and his wife Athanasia, of Egypt. Righteous forefather Abraham, and his nephew Lot Hiermartyr Dionysius (Denis, Denys) of Paris, Bishop. Martyrs Juventius and Maximus at Antioch. St Publia the Confessor, Deaconess, of Antioch. Ven. Peter of Galatia. The Cherson and Assuage My Sorrow Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos.**

### **40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

**Oct. 2:** Metro. Kallistos Ware

**Oct. 15:** His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman

**Oct. 23:** Eileen Libb / William Deaton

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Diane Tryon  
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### **OCTOBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS**

**Bulletin:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of his family & friends

**Chandelier:** (\$50) From Basil in memory of his father Anthony

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in Memory of His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius and AP Michael (Former Pastor)

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Open

**Candles @ the Cross:** (\$15) Laura Birthday blessings to Katelyn & in memory of Uncle Alex & John Kovach

**Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon:** (\$15) For the safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice and her unborn baby

## **Bishop Daniel Enthroned as Twelfth Hierarchy of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest**

A three-day celebration took place in Chicago from September 30 through October 02, celebrating the feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, and the enthronement of the twelfth hierarchy of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest, His Grace Bishop Daniel. The important occasion was led by the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada.

On Friday evening, September 30, hierarchs, clergy and faithful entered the historic Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, to keep vigil for the Feast of the Mother of God. Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, began the vigil with Deacon Peter Ilchuk and Protodeacon Alexander Kichakov (ROCOR). Bishop Daniel led the prayers of Litiya. His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon presided over the Matins service with concelebrating hierarchs Bishop Daniel and His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland. The hierarchs were joined by Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Paul Jannkos and the Deans of the Diocesan Deaneries.

At the conclusion of vigil the hierarchs and guests were welcomed by Fr. Paul and Fr. Alexander. A standing reception was held in the Rectory building next-door to the cathedral.

The following day, the feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, October 1, Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Metropolitan Tikhon, Bishop Longin of New Gracanica-Midwest America, Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Episcopate, Archbishop Michael of New York and New York and New Jersey, Archbishop Alexander of Dallas, the South, and the Bulgarian Diocese, Bishop Daniel, and Bishop Andrei. The Deans of two of the Seminaries were present representing their institutions, Archpriest Chad Hatfield, of St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary, and Archpriest John Parker of St. Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary. Clergy from all over the diocese and the local area also joined them in prayer. The choir was led by

Reader Philip Sokolov and singers from around the diocese.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Tikhon gave the enthronement exhortation to the Bishop of Chicago who then ascended the cathedral in the center of the cathedral blessing those gathered for the occasion. His Grace offer a reflection on his enthronement and his commitment to be a servant to Christ and His children.

Bishop Daniel blessed and greeted each individual who was present as they were dismissed. Participants then attend the sold-out banquet at Wildfire in downtown Chicago. Toasts were offered and letters of congratulations were read by various dignitaries. Resurrectional Vigil was prayerfully held at the cathedral that same evening.

On Sunday, October 2, His Beatitude Metropolitan presided over the Divine Liturgy. His Beatitude concelebrated with Bishop Daniel, and was joined by Priest Alexander Koranda, Archpriest Chad Hatfield, Archpriest John Zdinak, Archpriest John Parker, Archpriest Alexy Karlghut, Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Priest Jan Cizmark, Deacon Peter Ilchuk, Deacon John Weiss, Protodeacon Thomas Keith, Deacon Paul Garklavs, Deacon Joseph Whittaker. The choir was led by Reader Philip Sokolov.



## Concert in Honor of 10th Anniversary of the Primatial Election of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

Sunday, November 13, 2022 will mark the 10th anniversary of the election of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America. That morning, His Beatitude will preside at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Saint Tikhon's Monastery Church with the concelebration of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America.

To mark the anniversary, a special world premiere concert event by the Saint Tikhon Choir is being held in honor of Metropolitan Tikhon at 7:30 PM on November 12, 2022 at the Saint Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA. During the performance, conductor and composer Benedict Sheehan will be debuting a new piece composed in honor of His Beatitude.

The concert will also feature solos by some of the country's leading vocal artists, including celebrated American basso profundo Glenn Miller, who will perform "The Song of Simeon", composed by Sheehan especially for him. The movement boasts some of the lowest notes ever written for a soloist.

Recorded at Saint Stephen's during the summer of 2021, Benedict Sheehan's Vespers returns to the place where this "tapestry of sound that is nothing short of transcendent" (ConcertoNet) first found realization. Inspired by Rachmaninoff's All-Night Vigil, Sheehan's unique musical and linguistic expression expands the genre. He adorns full-length Psalms and hymns with a deep understanding of beauty, faith, and humanity.

## His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Calls for Prayer for Those Facing Hurricanes Ian and Fiona

To the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

As Hurricane Ian approaches Florida and as we see the extensive damage to the Atlantic Provinces from Hurricane Fiona, I am calling on all of the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America to intensify their prayer for the affected and suffering of both these regions.

Hurricane Ian is predicted to make landfall shortly. Its strength is considered extremely dangerous and millions of people are under mandatory evacuation orders. Likewise, a few days ago, Hurricane Fiona devastated Atlantic Canada, killed three people, swept entire homes out to sea, and leaves thousands without power.

I ask that you intensify your prayers for everyone in the midst of these natural disasters. In particular, for those facing Hurricane Ian, please pray for the safety of the people and parishes of the Orthodox Church in America in addition to all Floridians. Likewise, pray for those suffering and struggling to rebuild in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona. For those who have already lost their lives in this disaster we ask that the Lord grant them a place of rest "where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting". May Christ our true God, who "rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!'" (Mk. 4:39), protect all facing the coming storm and bring comfort and hope to those now suffering.

I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

+Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

### READER

October 9:	Joe
October 16	Tim
October 23	Joe
October 30	Tim

### OCTOBER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of the 9:	Laura
Week of the 16	Susan
Week of the 23:	Laura

## PRAYER LIST- UPDATED October 4

**HIERARCH'S / CLERGY:** Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; Archbishop Melchizedek of Western PA; His Grace Bishop Matthias; John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Berry; Emilian Hutnyan; Deacon Paul Gansle ;Deacon Peter Rentsch; Deacon Michael Wilson; Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

**MATUSHKII:** Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani Helen Shuytak; Virgina Lecko

**PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:** James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Carole Conaway (Twarek); Maryann Cook (Twarek); Sharon Dietrich (Twarek); Charlie Dietrich (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Elaine Hileman; Joe Kollar (Fr.); Betty Kovach; Helen Lis; Walter Litzie; Sandy Martin; David Martin; David Mazurik; Mark Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); William Pipenur(Hileman); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Donna Schoonmaker; Valerie Schutt; Joe Schutt; Tom Twarek; Diane Tryon; Ed Vangeloff, Child Bodhi (Cassell); Brittany Lariccia & her unborn child (Fr.); Nikki and her unborn child; Gleice & her unborn child; Trisha and her unborn baby.

**OTHER REQUESTS:** Jane Collins; Donny (Jake); Marge Dziama; Child Ezra; Kurt Franck (Royhab); Ben Franklin (Kovach); Dorothy Goldman (Twarek); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Marsha (Rose); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath; Karen Muzyka; Jamie Philpot (Twarek); Robert Piznar (Rentz); William Romanchak; Rick Rowe (Kovach); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); David Warner (Schutt); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap; Zoland Zile; Ashley and her unborn child (Fr.); Elizabeth And her unborn child (Fr.)

**MILITARY:** Craig Cassell, Cory Deaton , Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Justin Issler; 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:** Please let Fr. Andrew know who can come off the list or be put on.

### ***CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND***

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

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

This money can also be used for outreach programs in the parish. Thank you and God bless!

### **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*.

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
10-1-2009: Archbishop Irenee of Canada 2- Fr. Matthew & Pani Eleni Stagon 3- Fr. Matt Stagon Priestly ordination 7- Fr. Eli & Mat. Larissa Bremer 9- Sub-deacon Wylie & Pauline Meath 19- Archpriest John & Mat. Cynthia Zidinak 31- Paul & Layne Demkosky  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NAMESDAY</b></p> 10-9: The Most Blessed Tikhon	1-Trudy Ellmore 2- Tina Litzie 3- Ethan Chendorain 3- Alicia Calzone 6- Brian Lariccia 6- Ron Royhab 10- Walter Litzie 10- Craig Cassell 11- Karen Muzyka	12- Fred Soski 13- Mary Hiser 14- Fr. Andrew Groom 16- Fr George Lardas 17- Tim Glovinsky 20- Helen Lis 20- Hayden Issler 25- Sam Dardovsky 31- Fr. Peter Zarynow



His Grace Bishop Daniel, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon & Fr. Alex Koranda, Dean of the Cathedral.

## OCTOBER REPOSED

2- His Grace Bishop Antoun (2017) 3- Anna Tomko (1990) 4- William Peter Guzy (1974) 5- John Elchisco Sr. (1982) 5- Mark Conroy (2018) 5- Patricia Schirtzinger (2021) 6- Andrew Tomko (1970) 6- Helen Elchisco (1956) 7- Michael Gresko (1963) 8- Archpriest Michael Kostyk (1964) Former Pastor 11- Helen Pipenur (2009) 12- Pauline Mary Gresh (1981) 13- James E Jump (2011) 13- Tom Grgich (2018) 13- Mary Basala (2006) 13- Michael Mazurik (2018) 14- George Kaitsa (1991) 15- Michael Mazurik (1972) 15- John Kovach (1983) 16- Mary Kobb (2017)	16- Tom Wiseman (2020) 16- Frank Flaherty (1999) 18- Nadexda Kaitsa (1992) 19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (2015) 19- Gori Pietropolo (Trudy's dad) (2017) 19- His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (2020) 21- Alex Mazur (1920) 21-Terry (Bobbie's cousin) (2017) 21- Regina Lomme (2021) 25- Serge Mihaly Jr (2019) 28- George Elchisco (1996) 28- Anthony Glovinsky (1946) 30- Joseph Malchisky (1993) 31- Margaret Basala (2002) 31- George Rusincovitch (1994) William Martin (1982) Joseph L. Mazurik (1944) Anna Mazur (1945) Anna Danchisen (1945)
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## Metropolitan Tikhon Issues Letter on Inaugural “Church Musician Sunday”

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon issued a letter commending all parishes of the Orthodox Church in America to observe the first “Church Musician’s Sunday” on October 2, 2022. The purpose of the event is to bring awareness to the faithful of the important role of music in Orthodox worship and to encourage vocations in the ministry of Liturgical music.

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

My Beloved Children in the Lord,

‘Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Sing to him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.’ (Ps. 33:1, 3). Music suffuses the scriptures, starting from the first pages of the Pentateuch. In the fourth chapter of Genesis we read of Jubal, ‘the father of all such as handle the harp and organ’ (Gen. 4:21). Songs of holy people are found throughout the Old Testament and the New: the songs of Miriam, Moses, Deborah, Hannah, David, Habakkuk, Isaiah, Jonah, the Three Children, Zachariah, and the most Holy Theotokos, to name but a few.

But of course, even before the first father Adam was formed, when the physical world was first coming into being, the scriptures speak of music: ‘the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy’ (Job 38:7). ‘Praise the Lord, O sun and moon,’ says the psalmist (Ps. 148:3). Music is, in some mysterious way, part of creation and part of redemption, such that even heaven is filled with song. ‘With the angels’ song we cry to thee, All-powerful: Holy, Holy, Holy art thou, O God’ (troparion from the Morning Prayers). And this song, though it begins in time, extends beyond time, and is taken up by the angels and saints forever. As such, the Apocalypse of Saint John the Theologian is perhaps the most musically rich text of all scripture, full as it is of canticles and invocations of song: ‘And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints’ (Rev. 5:9, 14:3, 15:3).

Today in our churches, we carry on the tradition of sacred song, bridging the gap, as it were, between those ancient songs sung by prophets and patriarchs and the eternal song sung by angels and saints. Our traditions of church music are both a continuation of the ancient worship of the Old and New Covenants and a participation in the heavenly liturgy. This is why the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has set aside the Sunday following the feast of Saint Romanus the Melodist for an annual celebration of church musicianship, to honor singers, choir directors, composers, arrangers, chanters, readers, bell-ringers, hymnologists, translators, hymnographers, and all who help our parishes and their congregations to make a ‘joyful noise unto the Lord’ (Ps. 98:4) so that our temples resound with the praise of God.

I encourage all of our parishes and institutions to take this opportunity to honor those who contribute to church music, and I urge all church leadership to help foster vocations in this area. May we all of us, at all times, according to our own vocation, praise the Lord with ‘psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs’ (Eph. 5:19). And may he in turn be well-pleased with our sacrifice of praise, and rejoice over us, and quiet us with his love, and sing over us in his joy (Zeph. 3:17).

With the blessing of the Lord, I remain sincerely yours  
in Christ,

+TIKHON

Archbishop of Washington

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### 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Epistle)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

## **Glorification of Saint Tikhon, Apostle to America Commemorated on October 9**

Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America was born as Vasily Ivanovich Belavin on January 19, 1865 into the family of Ioann Belavin, a rural priest of the Toropetz district of the Pskov diocese. His childhood and adolescence were spent in the village in direct contact with peasants and their labor. From his early years he displayed a particular religious disposition, love for the Church as well as rare meekness and humility.

When Vasily was still a boy, his father had a revelation about each of his children. One night, when he and his three sons slept in the hayloft, he suddenly woke up and roused them. He had seen his dead mother in a dream, who foretold to him his imminent death, and the fate of his three sons. She said that one would be unfortunate throughout his entire life, another would die young, while the third, Vasily, would be a great man. The prophecy of the dead woman proved to be entirely accurate in regard to all three brothers.

From 1878 to 1883, Vasily studied at the Pskov Theological Seminary. The modest seminarian was tender and affectionate by nature. He was fair-haired and tall of stature. His fellow students liked and respected him for his piety, brilliant progress in studies, and constant readiness to help comrades, who often turned to him for explanations of lessons, especially for help in drawing up and correcting numerous compositions. Vasily was called “bishop” and “patriarch” by his classmates.

In 1888, at the age of 23, Vasily Belavin graduated from the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy as a layman, and returned to the Pskov Seminary as an instructor of Moral and Dogmatic Theology. The whole seminary and the town of Pskov became very fond of him. He led an austere and chaste life, and in 1891, when he turned 26, he took monastic vows. Nearly the whole town gathered for the ceremony. He embarked on this new way of life consciously and deliberately, desiring to dedicate himself entirely to the service of the Church. The meek and humble young man was given the name Tikhon in honor of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk.

He was transferred from the Pskov Seminary to the Kholm Theological Seminary in 1892, and was raised to the rank of archimandrite. Archimandrite Tikhon was consecrated Bishop of Lublin on October 19, 1897, and returned to Kholm for a year as Vicar Bishop of the Kholm Diocese. Bishop Tikhon zealously devoted his energy to the establishment of the new vicariate. His attractive moral make-up won the general affection, of not only the Russian population, but also of the Lithuanians and Poles. On September 14, 1898, Bishop Tikhon was made Bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska. As head of the Orthodox Church in America, Bishop Tikhon was a zealous laborer in the Lord’s vineyard.

He did much to promote the spread of Orthodoxy, and to improve his vast diocese. He reorganized the diocesan structure, and changed its name from “Diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska” to “Diocese of the Aleutians and North America” in 1900. Both clergy and laity loved their archpastor, and held him in such esteem that the Americans made Archbishop Tikhon an honorary citizen of the United States.

On May 22, 1901, he blessed the cornerstone for Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York, and was also involved in establishing other churches. On November 9, 1902, he consecrated the church of Saint Nicholas in Brooklyn for the Syrian Orthodox immigrants. Two weeks later, he consecrated Saint Nicholas Cathedral in NY.

In 1905, the American Mission was made an Archdiocese, and Saint Tikhon was elevated to the rank of Archbishop. He had two vicar bishops: Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) in Alaska, and Saint Raphael (Hawaweeny) in Brooklyn to assist him in administering his large, ethnically diverse diocese. In June of 1905, Saint Tikhon gave his blessing for the establishment of Saint Tikhon’s Monastery.

In 1907, he returned to Russia, and was appointed to Yaroslavl, where he quickly won the affection of his flock. They came to love him as a friendly, communicative, and wise archpastor. He spoke simply to his subordinates, never resorting to a peremptory or overbearing tone. When he had to reprimand someone, he did so in a good-natured, sometimes joking manner, which encouraged the person to correct his mistakes.

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When Saint Tikhon was transferred to Lithuania on December 22, 1913, the people of Yaroslavl voted him an honorary citizen of their town. After his transfer to Vilnius, he did much in terms of material support for various charitable institutions. There too, his generous soul and love of people clearly manifested themselves. World War I broke out when His Eminence was in Vilnius. He spared no effort to help the poor residents of the Vilnius region who were left without a roof over their heads or means of subsistence as a result of the war with the Germans, and who flocked to their archpastor in droves.

After the February Revolution and formation of a new Synod, Saint Tikhon became one of its members. On June 21, 1917, the Moscow Diocesan Congress of clergy and laity elected him as their ruling bishop. He was a zealous and educated archpastor, widely known even outside his country.

On August 15, 1917, a local council was opened in Moscow, and Archbishop Tikhon was raised to the dignity of Metropolitan, and then elected as chairman of the council. The council had as its aim to restore the life of Russian Orthodox Church on strictly canonical principles, and its primary concern was the restoration of the Patriarchate. All council members would select three candidates, and then a lot would reveal the will of God. The council members chose three candidates: Archbishop Anthony of Kharkov, the wisest, Archbishop Arseny of Novgorod, the strictest, and Metropolitan Tikhon of Moscow, the kindest of the Russian hierarchs.

On November 5, following the Divine Liturgy and a Molieben in the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, a monk removed one of the three ballots from the ballot box, which stood before the Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God. Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev announced Metropolitan Tikhon as the newly elected Patriarch. Saint Tikhon did not change after becoming the primate of the Russian Orthodox Church. In accepting the will of the council, Patriarch Tikhon referred to the scroll that the Prophet Ezekiel had to eat, on which was written, "Lamentations, mourning, and woe." He foresaw that his ministry would be filled with affliction and tears, but through all his suffering, he remained the same accessible, unassuming, and kindly person.

All who met Saint Tikhon were surprised by his accessibility, simplicity and modesty. His gentle disposition did not prevent him from showing firmness in Church matters, however, particularly when he had to defend the Church from her enemies. He bore a very heavy cross. He had to administer and direct the Church amidst wholesale church disorganization, without auxiliary administrative bodies, in conditions of internal schisms and upheavals by various adherents of the Living Church, renovationists, and autocephalists.

The situation was complicated by external circumstances: the change of the political system, by the accession to power of the godless regime, by hunger, and civil war. This was a time when Church property was being confiscated, when clergy were subjected to court trials and persecutions, and Christ's Church endured repression. News of this came to the Patriarch from all ends of Russia. His exceptionally high moral and religious authority helped him to unite the scattered and enfeebled flock. At a crucial time for the church, his unblemished name was a bright beacon pointing the way to the truth of Orthodoxy. In his messages, he called on people to fulfill the commandments of Christ, and to attain spiritual rebirth through repentance. His irrefragable life was an example to all.

In order to save thousands of lives and to improve the general position of the church, the Patriarch took measures to prevent clergy from making purely political statements. On September 25, 1919, when the civil war was at its height, he issued a message to the clergy urging them to stay away from political struggle.

The summer of 1921 brought a severe famine to the Volga region. In August, Patriarch Tikhon issued a message to the Russian people and to the people of the world, calling them to help famine victims. He gave his blessing for voluntary donations of church valuables, which were not directly used in liturgical services. However, on February 23, 1922, the All-Russian Central Executive Committee published a decree making all valuables subject to confiscation.

According to the 73rd Apostolic Canon, such actions were regarded as sacrilege, and the Patriarch could not approve such total confiscation, especially since many doubted that the valuables would be used to combat famine. This forcible confiscation aroused popular indignation everywhere. Nearly two thousand trials were staged all over Russia, *Con't Next Pg*



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and more than ten thousand believers were shot. The Patriarch's message was viewed as sabotage, for which he was imprisoned from April 1922 until June 1923.

His Holiness, Patriarch Tikhon did much on behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church during the crucial time of the so-called Renovatianist schism. He showed himself to be a faithful servant and custodian of the undistorted precepts of the true Orthodox Church. He was the living embodiment of Orthodoxy, which was unconsciously recognized even by enemies of the church, who called its members "Tikhonites."

When Renovatianist priests and hierarchs repented and returned to the church, they were met with tenderness and love by Saint Tikhon. This, however, did not represent any deviation from his strictly Orthodox policy. "I ask you to believe me that I will not come to agreement or make concessions which could lead to the loss of the purity and strength of Orthodoxy," the Patriarch said in 1924.

Being a good pastor, who devoted himself entirely to the church's cause, he called upon the clergy to do the same: "Devote all your energy to preaching the word of God and the truth of Christ, especially today, when unbelief and atheism are audaciously attacking the Church of Christ. May the God of peace and love be with all of you!"

It was extremely painful and hard for the Patriarch's loving, responsive heart to endure all the Church's misfortunes. Upheavals in and outside the church, the Renovatianist schism, his primatial labors, his concern for the organization and tranquility of Church life, sleepless nights and heavy thoughts, his confinement that lasted more than a year, the spiteful and wicked baiting of his enemies, and the unrelenting criticism sometimes even from the Orthodox, combined to undermine his strength and health.

In 1924, Patriarch Tikhon began to feel unwell. He checked into a hospital, but would leave it on Sundays and Feast Days in order to conduct services. On Sunday, April 5, 1925, he served his last Liturgy, and died two days later. On March 25/April 7, 1925 the Patriarch received Metropolitan Peter and had a long talk with him. In the evening, the Patriarch slept a little, then he woke up and asked what time it was.

When he was told it was 11:45 P.M., he made the Sign of the Cross twice and said, "Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee." He did not have time to cross himself a third time.

Almost a million people came to say farewell to the Patriarch. The large cathedral of the Donskoy Monastery in Moscow could not contain the crowd, which overflowed the monastery property into the square and adjacent streets. Saint Tikhon, the eleventh Patriarch of Moscow, was primate of the Russian Church for seven and a half years.

On September 26/October 9, 1989, the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church glorified Patriarch Tikhon and numbered him among the saints. For nearly seventy years, Saint Tikhon's relics were believed lost, but in February 1992, they were discovered in a concealed place in the Donskoy Monastery.

It would be difficult to imagine the Russian Orthodox Church without Patriarch Tikhon during those years. He did so much for the Church and for the strengthening of the Faith itself during those difficult years of trial. Perhaps the saint's own words can best sum up his life: "May God teach every one of us to strive for His truth, and for the good of the Holy Church, rather than something for our own sake."

### **Luke 7:11-16 (Gospel)**

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

## VIGILS- OCT 2

**Laura Kovach 2** For health of Michael, Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie & Molly K., Kathie J., Joe R., Pete R., Sharon D., Rick & Jill, Ed, Sonya, Paul E., and John D. Safe travel for family.

**Sandy Martin 2** Health and recovery of Jane Collins, Special intentions

**Natalie Twarek 6** Health and recovery of Heather, Health and recovery of Don Kiser, God's blessing for Nikki and unborn baby, For the health and recovery of Valerie, Ed, Ron, Mark, Carole, Gary, Sharon and Charlie, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Dottie, Joe, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Katie, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions



*Fr. Andrew (4<sup>th</sup> in line) with brother priests*



*Metropolitan Tikhon entering for Liturgy*

## VIGILS 9-25

**Laura Kovach 4** For the health and recovery of Ed, Sonya, Paul E, and John D. For health of Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie & Molly K., Kathie J., Joe R., Pete R., Sharon D., and Rick & Jill. Birthday blessings to Jack and Silas. Safe travel for Fr. Andrew, Kayla and Feller.

**Sandy Martin 1** Special intentions

**Royhab 2** Special intentions

**Natalie Twarek 8** Birthday Blessings to Nikki 9/25, Birthday blessings to Greg 9/26, Birthday blessings to Amber 9/26, Health and recovery of Heather, and Ron, God's blessing for Nikki and unborn baby, For the health and recovery of Valerie, Ed, Mark, Carole, Sharon and Charlie, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Dottie, Joe, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Katie, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions



*Faithful gathered for Liturgy*