

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10 Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

33nd Sunday After Pentecost / Sunday of Zaccheus

Ven. Maximus the Confessor / Martyr Neophytus of Nicæa / Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila, at Trebizond / Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome

Martyr Anastasius, disciple of Ven. Maximus the Confessor

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 21

9:05 am: Third & Sixth Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Panachida / Potluck dinner

& Annual Meeting

1:00 pm: March For Life March, Port Clinton 5:00 pm: Supplication Service For The Unborn-

Olmstead Falls (ZOE FOR LIFE)

Saturday, Jan. 27

10:00am: Retreat in North Royalton

4:00 pm: Great Vespers followed by Evening

Prayers

Sunday, Jan. 28

9:05 am: Third & Sixth Hours

9:30 am: D. L. / 40 Day Panachida for John Mazurik & Memorial Sunday / Social

Annual Parish Meeting TODAY

Sunday, January 21
Following Divine Liturgy
Potluck Dinner



VIGILS FOR JANUARY 7

Marguerite Bird: (1) Special Intention

Sandy Martin: (1) Special Intention

Ron & Bobbie Royhab: (1) For health & healing of Elaine, Bobbie's sister-in-law

Laura Kovach: (3) Birthday blessings to Sarah & Luke, safe travel for Sarah & Ben; Health of Joe, Margi & Greg

Twarek Family: (4) Health & recovery of Hayes, Health of Diane, Mike & Greg; Health of Julia, Gage, Annette, Darlene, Debbie; Robin, David, Margi, Joe, Nancy, Sue, Morgan, Ron, Richie, Jake, Judy, Helen, Janice & Pete; Special Intention



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Monday, Jan. 1:

Feast Day Liturgy: 11 people

Thursday, Jan 4:

Royal Hours: 10 people

Friday, Jan. 5

Vesperal Liturgy: 10 people Holy Night Supper: 19 people

Great Blessing of Water Vigil: 17 people

Saturday, Jan. 6

Feast of Theophany: 8 people

Sunday, Jan. 7

Attendance: 23 Total people (18 Members; 2 Children; 3 guests; 17 Communicants / 7 People for Sat.

Vespers)

Collection: \$4,544 (\$4,526 in offerings; \$18 Special

Collection Zoe for Life)

Sunday, Jan. 14

Attendance: 28 total people (25 members; 3 children

16 Communicants; 4 people for Vespers

Collection: \$1,528 (\$1,162 in offerings; \$291 Zoe

for Life; \$50 from 2017; \$25 Bookstore

January			
Readers	Cleaning	Coffee Hour	
21 - Tim	21 - Christi Soski	21 - Potluck	
28 - Natalie	28 - Marguerite Bird	28 - Teri & Fred C	

OUR SHUT-INS

Edgewood Manor Nursing Center

1330 Fulton Street Port Clinton, OH 43452 Anne Kovalik- Room 309



Bishop Mark [Forsberg]

Funeral services for His Grace, Bishop Mark [Forsberg], 83, Former Bishop of Boston, were celebrated on Thursday and Friday, January 11-12, 2018. Bishop Mark fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, January 8.

Born in Detroit, MI on April 2, 1934, Bishop Mark was ordained as a Melkite Greek Catholic deacon and priest in 1964. The following



year, he was received into the Orthodox Church. While pursuing studies at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, NY, he served Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Albany, NY and later Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Wichita, KS. After his reception into the Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America, he served Saint Thomas Church. St. Louis, MO and Saint George Albanian Orthodox Cathedral, Boston, MA. He was elected to the episcopacy in June 1979 and consecrated on November 10, 1979 to succeed His Grace, Bishop Stephen [Lasko] as Bishop of the OCA's Albanian Archdiocese. In 1984, he was named Titular Bishop of Bethesda. In March 1985, he was elected Bishop of Fort Lauderdale and Auxiliary to His Grace, Bishop [later Archbishop] Dmitri of Dallas and the South, a position he held until he again was named Titular Bishop of Bethesda in March 1991. He had also served as Administrator of the Diocese of the Midwest for a brief period in the late 1980s. He was granted retirement on March 21, 2001 with the title of Former Bishop of Boston.

May Bishop Mark's memory be eternal!

40 Day Remembrance

Jan. 28: John Mazurik

Feb. 18: His Grace, Bp. Mark (Forsberg) / Those who lost their lives in Ca mudslides

ST PAUL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH PARISH RETREAT

St Paul's Greek Orthodox Church in North Royalton will be holding a mini retreat on Friday, January 26 from 7-8pm (Topic: My Personal Journey to Orthodoxy) and on Saturday January 27 from 10:00am-2:00pm (Topic: Taming the Passions: Timeless Wisdom in being Orthodox on Purpose). There will be a morning session, lunch and an afternoon session with O & A.

The Presenter will be Fr. Barnabas Powell

Sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos

Free Will Donation

RSVP: www.stpaulgoc.org. You do not have to attend both days.

We are trying to put together a group to go to the Saturday portion of the above retreat. If we have a group to go, we will not have Vespers here that day. Please see Bobbie if you want to go. Anyone (Men, women or kids can go)

IOCC EVENT IN CLEVELAND

The IOCC Cleveland Metropolitan Committee invites you to a "EUROPEAN WINE TASTING to benefit IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities)

Thursday, February 1, 2018 @ the: Copper Stone Event Center 4630 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, OH 44144

Doors open @ 6:30pm & Dinner is @ 7:00pm

Live Music by Sarena Orchestra

Tickets; \$50

Iocc.org/cleveland

Join us to enjoy a taste of European wine, and learn about IOCC's work around the world.

Listening to Lessons from the Unborn by Fr. Lawrence Farley

Good theology can pop up in unexpected places. One such place is the writing of Dr. Seuss, author of children's books. My favorite theological work of his is *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, a story of conversion and redemption. I also like his pro-life treatise, though it is doubtful that he

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Prayer List (Updated December 31)

Priests: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Emilian Hutnyan; John Jones; Paul Lazor; Myron Manzuk; John Matusiak; Peter Tutko, Demetri Vincent / Protodeacon Theodore Rose

Matushkii: Laryssa Hutnyan; Carol Janecek; Barbara Kopka; Virginia Lecko; Paula Manzuk; Sonya Tutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mother Victoria

Parishiongrs / & thgir Familg: Debbie Garnek (sister of Roddie); Michael Glovinsky (Nephew to Basil); Julia Guzy; Joseph Habegger (Laura Kovach's brother-in-law); Charles Hagmaier (Brother-in-law to Roberta Royhab); James Heffernan (Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan); Judy Heffernan; Rich Kokinda (Cousin of Greg Twarek); Michael Kouznetsov (Son of Mary Hiser); Victoria Kousnetsov (Daughter of Mary Hiser); Anne Kovalik; Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (Fr. 's Cousin); Judy Mazurik (sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik); Darlene Mazurik; Nancy Pipenur (sister-in-law of Jean Hileman); William Rentz (Father of Tamara Rentz Blackford); Nancy Sitzler (Mother of Amber Twarek); Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Rachel & her unborn baby; Jessica Issler & her unborn baby (Jean Hileman's daughter), Ron Royhab

Other Requests: Victor Abrahamowicz (Friend of Mary Hiser); Brad Biecheler; David Bobb (friend of Nikki Twarek); John Cox (husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox); Dominic (friend of the Cassell's); Theodore Geletka (St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director); Donald Gresh (neighbor to Basil); Gretta Gresh (neighbor to Basil); Mike Jacobson (Fr. 'S friend); Baby Lucas Goodman (friend of Christi Soski); Jake Lipstraw (friend of Natalie Twarek); Dana Mahler (Friend of Christi); Violet Mattingly (neighbor of Greg Mazur); Pauline Meath (Friend of Fr. Andrew's); Beth Reinhard (friend of Diane Tryon); Cheryl Schell (Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan); Nick Shortridge (Friend of Christi); Karen Simonsen (friend of David Mazurik); Janice Timko; Brian Turner (Fr. 'S friend); Mat. Carly Koranda & her unborn baby (Chicago Deanery); Nicole & her unborn Baby (Friends of Fr. Andrew), George Biecheler

Military: Craig Cassell; James Jerome

Captives: Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo); Archbishop John (Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo); for the UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world; those held captive throughout the world.

Additions or removals from the list? Please notify Fr. Andrew

	Reposed List - January	
4- George Bartek (1983)	15- Archpriest Pavel Soucek (2009)	23- Helen Beadle (1988)
4-Margaret Reavley (1965)	Former Pastor	23- Fr. Michael Sopoliga (2009)
5- Maria Semionow (1981)	20- Joshua Zdinak (2016)	29- Anna Kravetz (1973)
6- Helen Pender (2016)	21-Daiel Kowal (2006)	29- Marjorie Kowal (2001)
11- Anna Tomko (1960)	22- Fr. John Stefanik (2000)	Sara Rose (2005 no date provided)
		Andrew Matway (1906 no date provid-
		ed)

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY	NAMESDAY	ANNIVERSARY		
7- Susan Guzy 7- Lueleta Dardovski 8- Barbara Mazurik 13- Mary Elizabeth Blackford 24- Frank Batura 30- Stephanie Warnke 31- Julie Dardovski	2- Retired Bishop Seraphim 19- Retired Bishop Mark	31- Fred & Christi Soski 24- Third Ann of Consecration of Bishop Mark of Santa Rosa 26- Fr. James Gleason, Anniversary to Holy Priesthood		

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.

Metropolitan Tikhon to deliver opening prayer at 45th DC March for Life on Friday, January 19

January 22, 2018 marks the 45th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States. Among those gathering in the US Capital for the annual March for Life on Friday, January 19 will be Orthodox Christian hierarchs, clergy, seminarians and laity from across the country.

At the request of His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios, Chair of the <u>Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America</u>, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will lead the Orthodox delegation at the March. Other hierarchs slated to participate include His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh and His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of New York. Metropolitan Tikhon will offer the opening prayer at the pre-March program and will be joined on the stage by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan of New York.

The theme of this year's March is "Love Saves Lives."

The March will begin at noon at Twelfth Street on the National Mall, between Madison and Jefferson Drives. Immediately following Metropolitan Tikhon's opening prayer, Orthodox Christian marchers will gather at the "Orthodox Christians for Life" banner, which will be prominently displayed to the left of the stage at Constitution Avenue and Twelfth Street NW.

1 Timothy 4:9-15 (*Epistle*)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Luke 19:1-10 *(Gospel)*

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at vour house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

PREPARATION FOR THE BLESSING OF HOMES

Before the Priest arrives at your home, here are a few reminders on how to prepare:

- In the main room of the home, usually the kitchen or dining room, have placed on the table a white cloth, a candle and /or an Icon or cross. You may place a small container of Holy water on the table. (Note: Father will be bringing his own.)
- Make a list of those living in the house including pets and all deceased you want prayed for.
- Turn off all TV's, radios, computers, etc. So as to keep focused on the blessing service.
- Make sure that pets are heeled or restrained so as not to get underfoot while Father goes through the home.
- In some customs, someone (usually a child) takes a candle and leads Father through the house while the rest follow.
- If you have any items to be blessed (Icon, Cross, etc.). Put them on the table where the blessing will take place.
- When the priest arrives, have everyone in the home gather around the table and join in the blessing. PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT.
- Invite friends or neighbors to participate and witness the beauty of this tradition.

NOTE: Remember, the invitation to the priest to come and bless your home is an invitation to ask for the mercy of God upon the household. The sprinkling of the Holy Water is a sign of God's presence in the home as an extension of His Holy House, the Church. It is a time to renew our commitment to God as we begin another year in His mercy and love for mankind.

St. Louis, MO site of FOCA's 92nd Convention July 20-23

The 92nd Annual Convention of the <u>Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America</u> [FOCA] will be held at the historic Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, MO July 20-23, 2018. Once again, the Convention will be held in conjunction with the <u>19th All-American Council</u> of the Orthodox Church in America July 23 – 27.

According to Deacon Peter Ilchuk, this year's Convention will be hosted by the FOCA's National Executive Board. All Orthodox Christians, including current and former FOCA members as well as those interested in sharing fellowship with other Orthodox Christians are invited to participate in the weekend of activities for all ages!

In addition to Convention sessions, the gathering will include a golf outing, a St. Louis-themed welcome reception featuring local musical and culinary favorites, and a Saturday night dinner "under the stars" at the James S. McDonnell Planetarium. Following the Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, a banquet and dance will be held. Ample time will be available to visit some of the nearby attractions, including the Gateway Arch, Ballpark Village, and the City Museum. In addition, there will be a fun-filled program for youth, coordinated this year with the OCA's Department of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry in partnership with the FOCA.

The deadline for hotel reservations is Friday, June 29th 2018. Reservations may be made by calling 314-231-1234 or online. In both instances, please mention "Orthodox Church In America" to obtain the special Convention/AAC rate.

As announced earlier, ads and listings for the commemorative book slated to be published in conjunction with the AAC and Convention are now being accepted online. Several options, ranging in price from \$150.00 for a full page ad to \$20.00 for a one-line patron listing, are being offered. Ads should be submitted as PDF or Word files to focabook2018@gmail.com. Checks made payable to the OCA should be mailed to Donna Tesar, 5068 West Sixth Street, Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131. Deadline for all ads and listings is June 1, 2018.

Questions and requests for additional information about the Convention may be directed or texted to Deacon Peter Ilchuk at 516-815-8890.

Metropolitan Tikhon celebrates Great Feast of Theophany in Mexico City

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, made an archpastoral visit to the Orthodox Church in America's Diocese of Mexico for the celebration of the Great Feast of Theophany January 6-9, 2018. His visit also marked the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the construction of Mexico City's Cathedral of the Ascension and the 45th anniversary of the reception into canonical Orthodoxy of what is today the OCA's Diocese of Mexico.

After being welcomed upon his arrival in Mexico City by His Eminence, Archbishop Alejo of Mexico, Metropolitan Tikhon met informally with the clergy and faithful at the cathedral. Accompanying Metropolitan Tikhon as translator was Archpriest Antonio Perdomo, Rector of Saint George Church, Pharr, TX.

On Sunday, January 7, Metropolitan Tikhon concelebrated the Divine Liturgy at the cathedral with Archbishop Alejo and His Eminence, Metropolitan Ignacio, Archbishop of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Mexico, Venezuela, Central America and the Islands of the Caribbean Sea, and area OCA and Antiochian clergy. Also in attendance were His Eminence, Metropolitan Athenagoras of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Mexico, Central America, Columbia, Venezuela, and the Caribbean Islands of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and his Chancellor, Archimandrite Damian. The Liturgy marked the first time Metropolitan Ignacio had served at the cathedral and Metropolitan Athenagoras' first visit to the church.

"It is a great joy to be with you again this year, at the invitation of His Eminence, Archbishop Alejo, for the Feast of Holy Theophany and to participate in the Great Blessing of Water here at the beautiful Cathedral of the Ascension in Mexico City," Metropolitan Tikhon said at the conclusion of the Liturgy. "This feast is one in which we most clearly receive the light of Christ and are filled with the joy of his appearing.

"The joy of the feast is made even greater through the blessing of our concelebration today with His Eminence, Metropolitan Ignacio of the Antiochian Patriarchate, and with the presence with us of His Eminence, Metropolitan Athenagoras of the Ecumenical Patriarchate," Metropolitan Tikhon continued. "It is wonderful to give concrete and visible expression to the good relations that exist between all the Orthodox Churches, and particularly here in Mexico.

"I have had the honor of concelebrating with His All-Holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew, and with His Beatitude, Patriarch John X, but this is the first time that I have served with His Eminence, Metropolitan Ignacio, who is just beginning his service, following in the great footsteps of His Eminence, Metropolitan Antonio, of blessed memory," Metropolitan Tikhon said. *Con't Page 6*

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"It is a great joy to have with us His Eminence, Metropolitan Athenagoras, who has long been known here in Mexico for his many years of pastoral and missionary work. Indeed, the mission of the Church is a single mission, and we all have a share in the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as bishops, priests and laypeople.

"I am grateful to His Eminence, Archbishop Alejo, for gathering us all here today, and on his behalf, I would like to present a special gift of an icon and relics of Saint Raphael of Brooklyn, who is a saint shared by both of our Churches, and a saint who is beloved in the universal Church," Metropolitan Tikhon concluded. "We pray that the intercessions of Saint Raphael will continue to inspire all of us in our shared mission within the Church."

In response, Metropolitan Ignacio expressed his joy in concelebrating the Divine Liturgy. He recalled how Metropolitan Tikhon's patron, Saint Tikhon of Moscow, had worked very closely with Saint Raphael in the North American missionary field. "I pray that Saint Raphael will continue to guide all of us in the common work of the Church," Metropolitan Ignacio concluded. Metropolitan Athenagoras offered similar words, adding that "we are indeed all part of one Church" and that Metropolitan Tikhon's presence stands as a reminder that "we all take part in the common missionary work of the Church." After offering his own words of greeting, Archbishop Alejo presented each of the three Metropolitans with silver candelabras as a remembrance of their visit.

Metropolitan Tikhon and Archbishop Alejo then celebrated the Great Blessing of Waters, after which Metropolitan Tikhon blessed the cathedral and faithful. Certificates were presented to several children who had completed catechetical classes before the hierarchs, clergy and faithful left in procession to bless the park adjacent to the cathedral, to the delight of the many people who had gathered there. Prior to the procession, a large cross, which was elevated in the park, and a floral arrangement marking the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the cathedral's construction were blessed. Prior to the festive luncheon, which featured homemade tamales and other local delicacies, Archbishop Alejo distributed food baskets to the cathedral's most elderly members while Metropolitan Tikhon blessed everyone with icons of Saint Tikhon of Moscow.

On Monday, January 8, Metropolitan Athenagoras hosted Metropolitan Tikhon and Archbishop Alejo at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral. After a brief tour of the cathedral, the hierarchs discussed several matters of common importance to the mission in Mexico and world Orthodoxy. The conversation extended into the luncheon that followed. Metropolitan Athenagoras presented a gift

110 E Main Street, Marblehead, OH 43440 www.holyassumptionmarblehead.org from Jerusalem and a commemorative stamp marking the 10th anniversary of the consecration of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Cuba to Metropolitan Tikhon, who in turn presented commemorative gifts to his host. Later the same day, Metropolitan Ignacio welcomed Metropolitan Tikhon and Archbishop Alejo at Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, where similar discussions were held prior to dinner. At both gatherings, the subject of missionary outreach received much attention. Metropolitan Tikhon returned to the US on Tuesday, January 9. A photo gallery of the visit is now available on the OCA web site and Facebook page.

Homily of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon The Blessing of Water at the Cathedral of the Ascension, Mexico City, Mexico Sunday, January 7, 2018

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is revealed gloriously in today's feast, when we participate in a very real way in the revelation of the Holy Trinity. "The Trinity, our God, today has made Itself indivisibly manifest to us, for the Father in a loud voice bore clear witness to His Son, the Spirit in the form of a dove came down from the sky while the Son bent His immaculate head before the Forerunner, and by receiving baptism He delivered us from bondage, in His love for mankind."

This revelation is more meaningful when we live in a world of change and uncertainty. This city and this country have recently endured some terrible natural disasters, as have many other parts of the world. Often, when we are faced with such disasters, we might wonder where God is during such tragedies. But today's feast of Theophany, together with the Feast of the Nativity in the flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ, are a vivid reminder to us that indeed "God is with us."

He is with us, but it is through the preparation that we make in our own hearts that this presence becomes real and life-giving. It is during times of difficulty that Christians not only show themselves to be true followers of Christ, but also are strengthened in their own faith by active participation in His grace and His love. Today, we bless the waters, but we also bless the Cross that stands outside this cathedral. This means that, just as God is with us, so He asks us to bear our Cross. The Cross is often heavy, but the life we receive today in Holy Communion of His precious Body and Blood, and the regeneration we receive through holy water, are the means by which we are strengthened and filled with our Lord's divine grace.

May we all continue in our witness on behalf of Christ and His Church. You will always have big challenges in front of you, but as we heard from the Lord, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." May our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom the Father bears witness, and upon Whom the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove, continue to bless all of us, both now and ever and unto the