

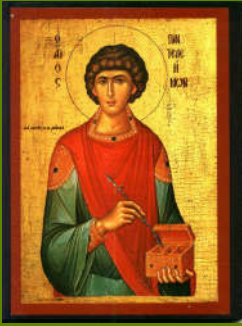
St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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Parish Council President: Nicholas Cavaligos



Sunday, October 9, 2016

Gospel: St. Luke 7:11-16

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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America

October Bulletin Sponsor

Mr. & Mrs John Magerko for the Health of their family & friends

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, October 9

9:10 am: Hours

9:30 am: D. L. / Memorial Sunday / Social
Church School

Tuesday, October 11

7:00 am: Diocesan Assembly- Lansing, IL

Wednesday, October 12

7:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Thursday, October 13

9:30 am: March for Life Meeting- Chicago

7:00 pm: Mary & Martha Maternity Mtg.

Saturday, October 15

9:00 am: Annual Synergy Symposium

5:00 pm: Great Vespers @ St Peter & Paul
Burr Ridge- NO VESPERS
HERE

Sunday, October 16

9:10 am: Hours

9:30 am: Readers Service w/ Communion /
Social / Church School

40 DAYS MEMORIAL

October 9: Firefighter John, Archpriest John
& Steven

October 23: Daniel & Mat. Cecilia

October 30: Dcn. Bassam

November 13: Protodeacon Alexis

AWAY

Fr. Andrew & Deacon Bob will be away
this week. Any emergencies contact Fr.
Herman @ 630-323-3525

CARSON'S DAY FUNDRAISER

This is an easy way to raise money for our parish. The book is \$5 (and every book we sell the church keeps the \$5) and there is over \$500 of coupon savings. The beauty is you can also shop on line w/ special codes to get your savings & delivery to your home.

The event is November 9-12 & includes the following stores:

Bon-Ton	Bergner's
Boston Store	Carson's
Elder-Beerman	Younkers
Herberger's	

Remember you can shop on line from the convenience of your lounge chair!

GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER CANDY DRIVE

Please gather orders from friends, co-workers, family members and, of course, your own. They can be given as gifts at Thanksgiving or House-warming gifts during the Christmas season.

Order forms due by Nov. 6 for Thanksgiving delivery. Payment due by Nov. 27th.

SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM UP & RUNNING

Who to see: Matushka Susan

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month

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

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

Glorification of St Tikhon, the Apostle to America

Commemorated on [October 9](#)

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

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

When St 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, St 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

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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. St 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 St 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 irreproachable 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, 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 Renovationist 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 Renovationist priests and hierarchs repented and returned to the church, they were met with tenderness and love by St 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 Renovationist 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 **Con't Page 5**

SAVE THE DATE / UP COMING EVENTS

2016 CHICAGO SYNERGY ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

WHEN: Saturday October 15 from 9:00am -2:00pm
WHERE: St George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1220 South 60th Court, Cicero, IL 60804

COST: \$40 per person in advance \$50 at the door
Registration & payment prior to Oct 8: \$35.
Husband & wife couples \$50
High School & College Students \$25
Registration includes: coffee & lunch.

TOPIC: Holiness in Contemporary Culture by Hieromonk Alexii Altschul



IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Change in time of Hours & Divine Liturgy

It was decided at the Annual meeting to change the start of Liturgy to 10:00 (from 9:30) for a two-month trial. Many parishioners come to church between 9:30 & 10:00. People thought, since many parishioners live about 30-45 min away, having a later start time might help attendance. Those with children will have a little more time to get ready to come to church.

This does not mean it is okay to arrive at 10:00-10:30! Prayer begins with the Hours.

This change will take place Sunday, Nov 6.

New schedule: 9:40am-Hours & 10:00am-Liturgy
Please be on time. Thank You! From Fr. & the Board!

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happiness that will last forever. In the land where, amid beauty that grows not old, rings out the cry: Alleluia!" [Kontakion 2].

"You have brought me into life as if into an enchanted paradise. We have seen the sky like a chalice of deepest blue, where in the azure heights the birds are singing. We have listened to the soothing murmur of the forest and the melodious music of the streams. We have tasted fruit of fine flavor and the sweet-scented honey. We can live very well on Your earth. It is a pleasure to be Your guest" [Ikos 2].

"I see Your heavens resplendent with stars. How glorious You are, radiant with light! Eternity watches me by the rays of the distant stars. I am small, insignificant, but the Lord is at my side. Your right arm guides me wherever I go" [Ikos 5].

Brings to mind Dostoevsky's enigmatic phrase: "Beauty will save the world."

Uncompromising Faith in Compromising Times
By Fr. Evan Armatas
SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

Where: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Elmhurst, 893 North Church Rd., (60126)

Retreat Schedule:

10:30am: Registration & Fellowship
11:00am: Session 1: Elements of faith that Matter
12:30pm: Harvest of Plenty (aka Lunch)
1:15pm: Session 2 Walking & Standing in Faith

Reservations Required by Monday, October 17
(Cost: \$15) contact office @ 630-834-7010 or
saintdemetriosooffice@gmail.com

Fr. Evan is the priest of St. Spyridon Church in Loveland, CO. He founded and manages the St. Nektarios Education Fund, www.snef.org, a non-profit student education program. Fr. Evan is the host of the podcast Transforming our Lives in Christ and the live call-in show Orthodoxy Live on Ancient Faith Radio. Visit ancientfaith.com to listen to his podcasts.

Reach for Life & Sound the Alarm on Suicide "My Last Party" Stage Production

WHEN: Sunday, October 9

WHERE: Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 West 147th, Oak Forest, IL 60452

6:00pm -7:15 pm VIP SEATING INCLUDES: \$45
Priority Seating / 3 course meal / non-alcoholic beverages / Macy's shopping pass / Meet & Greet Writer & Director Michelamone

General Admission: \$25

Doors Open @ 7:30pm for general admission

Cash Bar until 8:00pm

For tickets: mylastparty.eventbrite.com

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SVCS.

It was decided at the Annual Meeting:

Christmas Eve, Saturday 12/24 Service: 5:00 pm.

Christmas Day, Sunday 12/25 Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Volunteers are needed to help with Feeding The Homeless Christmas Day Dinner which will be served from 12:30-2:30.

Prayer List

Prigists: Anthony Spenglar, John Kuchta, Fr. James Gleason (*Fr.'s spiritual father*), ***Ted Bobosh**, ***Moses Berry**, John Duranko, Archimandrite Vladimir, ***Joseph Gibson**, ***Yves Babich**, * **Fr. Philip Lashbrook**, ***John Reeves**

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

Parishioners: Karen Muzyka, Ronald Stachowiak, Rebecca Eggers, Sonja Harris, Pauline, Marilyn, Jason Kirnbauer, Laura Grabavoy, Greg (altarboy) Boswell

Parishioner's Family: Donna Parhas (*Nick's Cousin*), Stephen Holly & Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s cousin*), George Cavaligos (*Nick's brother*), Christos Parhas (*Nick's cousin*), Constantine Cavaligos (*Nick's dad*), John Hartel (*Joann's Step-dad*), Sandra (*Karen's sister*), Erika Northrup, Mark Svara, Mary Northrup, Dianne Northrup, Raymond Northrup, Joey Krush, Jan Kost (*Linda's sister*), Bruce (*Fr. Kurt's brother*), June, James (*Hruban Family*), Tommy, Jimmy, (*Spengler Family*), Jacob, Emilian, Joyce, John, Robert, William & Dana, Mark, Eve

Other Requests: Lucille (*Duke*), Dianne (*Bill Rudolph*), Elizabeth Lilos, Jemsey Pradun, Hermenegil (*Neighbor*), Lidiya (*Neighbor*), Cathleen Rebollar, Gloria Salgado (*Lynn's Friend*), Eva Quagon (*Andy friend*), Mary Ann Magerko, John Magerko, Carol Bregin (*Friend of Lynn*), Ann Lazo (*Friend of Lynn*), George Lazo (*Friend of Lynn*), Vivian (*friend of Beccky Eggers*), Avzi (*Sam's Son*), Carol Marino (*Fr cousin's friend*), Roger Seglem, Deputy Chief Frank Batura***John Sedor**, ***Daria Petrykowski**, ***Cynthia Koranda**, Stephanie & her unborn baby, Michelle & her unborn baby,

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

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.

(***Bishop Request**) : **OFF: Protodzeacon Alexis- Fzll aslzzp in the Lord**

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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. St 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, St 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."

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (*Epistle, St. Tikhon*)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

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BIRTHDAY	NAMES DAY	ANNIVERSARY
1-Trudy Ellmore 3-Ethan Chendorain 4- Eva Boswell 11- Karen Muzyka 12- Gregory Boswell 14- Clarissa Marron 17-Angel Kirnbauer 25-Sam Dardovsky 27- Gary Marron	1- Archbishop Irenee of Canada 9- His Beatitude Met. Tikhon	10-01-00 Jeffrey & Natalie Northrup 10-09 Sub-deacon Wylie & Pauline Meath 10-25-77 Retired Metropolitan Theodius 10-27-68 John & Marcia Grabavoy 10-27 Mark & Helen Hruban 10-31-92 Steve & Laura Grabavoy

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.

In blessed repose: OCTOBER

2- Michael Nativo (04) 6- Anne Switch (02) 6- Donald A Kozal (09) 9- Nina Murphy (04) 11- Alexander Pehas Sr. (00) 11- Walter Daniels (03) 13-Helen Machen (15) 14- Athena Cielen (01)	16- John Joynt (13) 19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (15) 18- Mary Dunkovich (90) 20- Constantine Samuta (02) 23- Helen Borisuk (02) 26- Anne Y Rosellini (10) 30- Raymond J Machen (05) 31- Carol Kozak	1956: Leonty Panasiuk Elihvey (Mike) Begal Stephan Homko Anthony Rudenko Petro Korbin Alexander Kunatz 1957: Gregory Yakovez Ivan Demchuk
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Remember those who have gone before us in prayer. If there is a name missing from the above list, please speak to Fr. Andrew to have them added.

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Sunday, Epistle)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

John 10:9-16 (Gospel, St. Tikhon)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin to visit Holy Trinity Cathedral for Feast of St. John of Chicago October 29-30

His Grace, Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin, Russia will join His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago at Holy Trinity Cathedral here October 29-30, 2016 for the celebration of the Feast of Saint John [Kochurov] of Chicago.

The Feast of Saint John, who served as rector and builder of the historic cathedral before returning to Russia, where he was the first cleric to be martyred at the outset of the Russian Revolution, is commemorated on October 31 — the day of his death.

During the celebration, Bishop Mstislav will present a faithful reproduction of the Wonderworking Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God to the cathedral. As is widely known, the original icon was ascribed to the hand of the Evangelist Luke and was enshrined in Jerusalem and later Constantinople before it appeared in northern Russia in the late 14th century. Enshrined in Tikhvin's Dormition Monastery, where it remained until its closure and subsequent destruction by the Soviet authorities in the 1920s, the icon was taken to Latvia in the face of Nazi advances during World War II. In 1949, His Grace, Bishop John [Garklavs] of Riga — later Archbishop of Chicago — brought the icon with him to the US, where for many years it was enshrined in Chicago's Holy Trinity Cathedral. After Archbishop John's death in 1982, his adopted son, Father Sergei Garklavs, was the icon's guardian until it was returned to the Tikhvin Monastery in 2004.

According to Archpriest John Adamcio, cathedral Dean, Bishop Mstislav will arrive at Holy Trinity Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, after which an Akathistos Hymn in honor of the Tikhvin Icon will be celebrated. The Vigil will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, October 30, Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishops Paul and Mstislav will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. at the cathedral. A banquet will follow at Pizano's, 2056 West Division Street, Chicago at 1:00 p.m. Donation for the banquet will be \$55.00 per person or \$100.00 per couple. A special children's menu and pricing also will be available.

Additional information and details will be posted on the Diocese of the Midwest [web site](#) as it becomes available and will be sent to all parishes, OCA and non-OCA alike, in the immediate future.

“In 2017, we will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Saint John's martyrdom, as well as the 125th anniversary of the cathedral's founding,” said Father John. “October's celebration will focus attention on the cathedral's historic past while serving as the opening of the anniversary year.”

In related news, a newly commissioned icon of the “Synaxis of Saints of Holy Trinity Cathedral” will be blessed and enshrined in the cathedral during the weekend. The icon features six North American saints associated with the cathedral and an iconographic rendering of the late Metropolitan Leonty, who served as Bishop and Archbishop of Chicago prior to his election as Metropolitan in 1950.

Detroit site of Assembly of Bishops' seventh annual meeting October 4-6

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America will be among some five dozen Orthodox Christian hierarchs representing jurisdictions across the US attending the seventh annual meeting of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America here October 4-6, 2016.

According to the [Assembly web site](#), this year's meeting will begin with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, Livonia, MI on Tuesday, October 4.

The hierarchs will focus their work on the central mandates of the Assembly, namely, the need to identify ways to resolve canonical, administrative, and organizational concerns and the need to enhance a common and united witness of the Orthodox Church in the USA. Representatives of Assembly agencies have been asked to discuss ways by which they may cooperatively advance their transformational service to the Church and society.

The gathering also will feature an informational forum on religious liberty and a discussion related to the status of the Assembly of Bishops in light of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church convened in Crete in June 2016.

Luke 7:11-16 (Sunday, 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.”

Metropolitan Tikhon welcomes Antiochian Metropolitan Joseph to OCA Chancery

On Thursday, September 29, 2016, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America welcomed His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph of the [Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America](#) on his first official visit to the Chancery of the Orthodox Church in America.

Accompanying Metropolitan Joseph was His Grace, Bishop John of the Antiochian Diocese of Worcester and New England and Archpriest Thomas Zain, Vicar General of the Archdiocese. In attendance from the Orthodox Church in America were His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey and Secretary of the Holy Synod of Bishops; Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky, Director of the [Office of External Affairs and Inter-Church Relations](#); Archpriest John Jillions, OCA Chancellor; Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, OCA Secretary; and Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak, Secretary to Metropolitan Tikhon.

The visit opened with the celebration of a brief Service of Intercession in honor of Saint Raphael of Brooklyn in Saint Sergius of Radonezh Chapel, after which Metropolitan Tikhon awarded the Order of Saint Innocent, Gold Class, to Metropolitan Joseph “for his many years of faithful service to Orthodoxy in North America, leadership in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, and encouragement of theological education and monasticism throughout this continent.”

“I have personally known Your Eminence for many years, and we have had the opportunity to share our common love for Christ and His Church since the time of my consecration as Bishop of Eastern Pennsylvania and your appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West, which occurred in the same year—2004,” Metropolitan Tikhon said as he made the presentation. “During that time, I have seen Your Eminence’s faithfulness to Christ and dedication to being a good shepherd for your clergy and your faithful, always in a very personal and direct manner.

“I have also appreciated your good foundation in the monastic and ascetical tradition of our Orthodox Faith and your concern for theological education in North America,” Metropolitan Tikhon continued. “And so, in recognition of all your apostolic labors for Orthodoxy in North America and for the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, especially as you take upon your shoulders the heavy cross of service as Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America for the Antiochian Church, I am pleased to bestow upon you the Order of Saint Innocent, Gold Class. *Mustahek! Axios!*”

Metropolitan Tikhon also awarded the Order of Saint Innocent, Silver Class, to Bishop John “for his many years of faithful service to Orthodoxy in North America, the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America and encouragement of pastoral formation throughout this continent.”

In turn, Metropolitan Joseph presented a panagia on behalf of the Antiochian Archdiocese to Metropolitan Tikhon while taking note of the close relationship of the Antiochian Archdiocese and the Orthodox Church in America. He also recalled that most of the Archdiocese’s seminarians attend Saint Vladimir’s Seminary or Saint Tikhon’s Seminary, while stressing “the historical roots that we both share, given our common witness and heritage in this country, through individuals like Saint Raphael and Saint Tikhon.” Finally, Metropolitan Joseph shared his desire to work more closely to help the Orthodox Church in North America in its ongoing growth and witness in the broken world in which we live today.

Lengthy discussions on various topics of mutual interest took place during a luncheon in the Chancery dining room. Among the matters discussed was the mutual concern for the state of Christians in the Middle East and the current refugee crisis. Metropolitans Tikhon and Joseph agreed to further discuss methods of cooperation to assist the victims of the crisis and to take steps to further highlight the seriousness of the situation to the faithful. Also discussed was the recent Crete meeting, and the status of the [Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA](#).

Building on the experience of the Bilateral Commission of the OCA and the Antiochian Archdiocese, Metropolitans Tikhon and Joseph also considered various projects designed to strengthen mutual cooperation.

Protodeacon Alexis Washington Memory Eternal

Protodeacon Alexis Washington, who was attached to Saints Peter and Paul Church here, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, October 2, 2016 following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Born in Chicago, IL on July 26, 1948, he completed the Orthodox Church in America’s Late Vocation Program in 1997, after which he was ordained to the diaconate on January 31, 1998 by His Grace, Bishop [later Archbishop] Job at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. He was elevated to the dignity of Protodeacon by the Holy Synod of Bishops in 2004. He faithfully served the cathedral community until December 2005, when he was attached to Saints Peter and Paul Church.