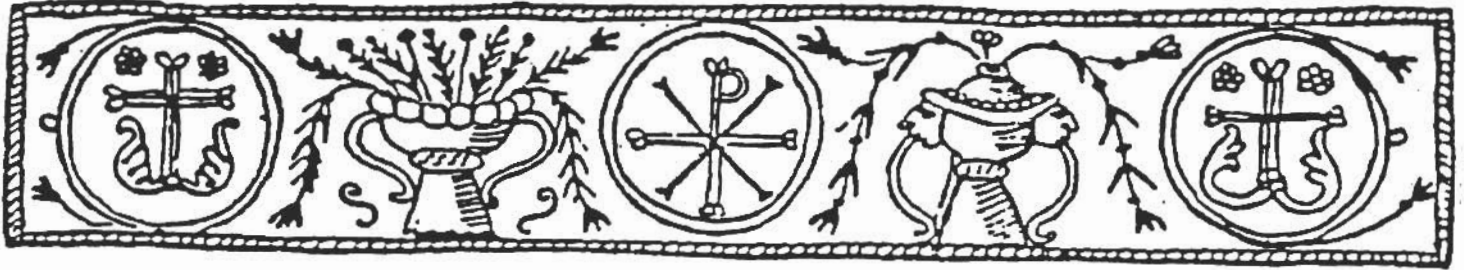


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**BULLETIN OF JANUARY 20, 2008**



**SUNDAY/JANUARY 20th**  
**34th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**(Tone 1)**

**“Sanctity of Life Sunday”**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Church School Classes  
Coffee Hour

**WEDNESDAY/JANUARY 23rd**  
7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to  
**St. Xenia of Petersburg**

**THURSDAY/JANUARY 24th**  
7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting  
(parishioners invited as usual)

**FRIDAY/JANUARY 25th**  
**Icon of “the Unexpected Joy”**  
9:30a.m. Akathist to Icon

**SATURDAY/JANUARY 26th**  
9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

**SUNDAY/JANUARY 27th**  
**35th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**(Tone 2)**

**Russian New-Martyrs & Confessors**  
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Question & Answer Period  
Coffee Hour

**Fasting Days**  
Wednesday, Jan. 23rd  
Friday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> (wine & oil)

**AN INSTRUCTION OF ST. THEOPHAN**  
**THE RECLUSE (+1894)**

**ON BAPTISM**

Baptism gives us what nothing on earth can give us. It unites and combines with our natural Divine grace. Thus, a person comes away from the baptismal font like an article from some workshop. As an example, take a bell in which silver has been added to copper. A similar copper bell without silver may outwardly resemble the bell with silver, but their composition is different, their sound is different, and they are regarded differently with respect to quality and value. That is the difference between a person who had been baptized, and one who has not.

The difference is that the grace of the Holy Spirit combines with the Baptism, since the person receiving Baptism is being baptized with water and, along with it, the Holy Spirit. By appearance, he is the same person as the unbaptized person, but in actual fact, in their composition, they are quite different.

Thus, during Holy Baptism, some new element, a supernatural one, is added to our composition, and it will remain inside us hidden and secretly acting.

Baptismal Grace is renewed within us by the communion of the Holy Mysteries of the Body and Blood of Christ.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008

# Help Our Parish Become Souper Bowl Champions!

On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, team up with our parish's youth to help the needy in our community and around the world. Help our team in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" by bringing one dollar and a canned good with you to Liturgy. Please support this effort and help our parish become Souper Bowl Champions!



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**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

**SUNDAYS: FEB. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

**For the Local Food Pantry – 1 canned good or more**

**For Helping Unwedded Mothers - \$1 or more**

**A Basket for both will be in the church vestibule.**

### ***Inclement Weather & Cancellations***

Cancellations will be posted on the parish website at least one hour before the scheduled time. You may also call Fr. James (908-685-1452) or Mary Holovach (908-725-8978) to find out about cancellations before you set out.

### ***The Blessing of Homes 2008***

With the Sanctified Waters of Theophany the homes of the faithful are blessed:

Homes will be blessed through Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

To have your home blessed, please contact Fr. James in person, by phone or email to schedule a suitable day and time.

The January Monthly calendar has information as to how to prepare for the blessing of your home.

### ***Offerings for the week of Jan. 20th***

Olive Oil – for the health of Julia (surgery); for the health of Amanda Sarah Kita (birthday); in memory of Joan; in memory of Emilia; for the health of Vincent and David; in memory of Michael.

Wine – in memory of Joseph Wilhousky; for the health of Justina.

Flowers – in memory of Alexander Karel; for the health and protection of Marie (namesday).

### ***Namesday Greetings***

St. Timothy/Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>; Timothy Smith and Timothy Gorbatak;

St. Xenia/Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>; Xenia Bodenчук

St. Marie/Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>; Marie Torissi;

Many Blessed Years!

### ***To order Religious Items***

Icons, books, crosses, censers, medals, etc. please see Robert Smith. He can provide you with religious catalogs for such items.

### ***Divine Liturgy is 9:30a.m.***

What does perpetual lateness say about one's spiritual life?

### ***Parish Synodicon***

Jan. 20, 1960 Nazar Pasechnik  
Jan. 20, 1963 Charles Chabala  
Jan. 21, 1971 Andrew Zorella  
Jan. 22, 1923 Tarasius Lasin  
Jan. 23, 1936 Paul Dzioba  
Jan. 24, 1960 John Lapa  
Jan. 24, 1963 Fr. Stephen Podlusky  
(rector 1917-1918)

Jan. 24, 1976 Jacob Mogilevsky  
Jan. 24, 1985 Anna Putyrsk  
Jan. 25, 1976 Simon Leich  
Jan. 26, 1965 Fr. Constantine Suchostovsky  
(rector 1917)  
Jan. 26, 1982 Joseph Wilhousky

### ***Parish Educational Classes***

Teen Discussion Group (high school students) a brief 20 minute informal discussion to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday during the Coffee Hour.

Class A (K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during Coffee Hour.

Class B (4 thru 8 grade) on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during Coffee Hour.

General Question & Answer Period on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during Coffee Hour.

No classes on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

### ***Icon Prints Being Collection Ends Next Sunday – January 27th***

Every January month (and only for this month) a box is placed on the vestibule stand for you to bring icon prints from wall calendars, Christmas cards and other sources. This is done so that you do not “throw” away icon prints. They should not be disposed of as mere paper items.

### ***Annual Parish Meeting – Feb. 17th***

On this Sunday at 12:00p.m. the Annual Parish Meeting will be held.

Agenda items for the Annual meeting will be discussed at Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting.

All reports for the Annual Meeting, are asked to be submitted in care of Fr. James by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> so as to be compiled and distributed two weeks prior to Annual Meeting.



# Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman for Sanctity of Life Sunday

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## Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman Sanctity of Life Sunday January 20, 2008

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

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

A most moving example of praise to God for the great gift of life comes from the words of the Akathist "Glory to God for all things." This hymn was the work of Metropolitan Tryphon (Turkestanov)—Prince Boris Petrovich, although it has also been attributed to Protopresbyter Gregory Petrov. Among the verses we read the following.

*O Lord, how lovely it is to be Thy guest. Breeze full of scents; mountains reaching to the skies; waters like boundless mirrors, reflecting the sun's golden rays and the scudding clouds. All nature murmurs mysteriously, breathing the depth of tenderness. Birds and beasts of the forest bear the imprint of Thy love. Blessed are you, mother earth, in your fleeting loveliness, which awakens our yearning for happiness that will last forever, in the land where, amid beauty that grows not old, the cry rings out: Alleluia!*

Through the centuries mankind has beheld the beauty of the world, the sights and sounds and all that the senses take in, with a deep joy and gratitude to be alive. The above words reflect this sentiment in picturesque and poetic language. However, they also remind us that all that we perceive in the world is a reflection of the beauty of the heavenly realm. The beauty in the life that we live today is but a foretaste of the beauty that we will experience in the age to come.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, said that He has come to His sheep: "that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). What a blessed gift! But with each gift comes responsibility. As human beings, given the gift of life by God—life in His very image and likeness—we must strive to honor and preserve human life at all times. This is nowhere more crucial than with the lives of those who have little or no voice in our society. We have seen how millions of unborn children, with no possibility to speak out for themselves, have been lost. We fear for the chronically ill, the elderly, and others whose lives are deemed to be without "quality". We must speak out for these people whose lives are no less precious and bear no less ontological "quality" than our own, because all humanity is created for life, by Him who is the Giver-of-Life.

Let us involve ourselves in acts that honor the fundamental sanctity of life. "With one heart and one mind", on this Sanctity of Life Sunday, and every day, we will pray that those who hold the lives of others in their hands might be moved to cherish and protect them rather than take them away. Let us reach out to comfort those who have fallen victim to a culture that regards human life as disposable, offering them a sign of God's mercy and the hope of reconciliation. In this manner let us strive always to be living examples of that joyful life so abundantly given to us—life that, although originating in this world, has as its fulfillment the radiance of God's Kingdom.

With love in Christ,



+ HERMAN

Archbishop of Washington and New York  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

# Kosovo and unintended consequences

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By Joseph Farah

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As Kosovo goes, so goes northern Cyprus?

That's the way the Turkish Cypriots see it.

They can't see any distinction between the West's plans for a new "independent" state of Kosovo and the aspirations of Turkey for an independent Turkish Cyprus.

It's just one more reason against the creation of a new state of Kosovo, where none has ever existed before.

The real problem with these fanciful new "independent" states is that they are not independent at all. Both will be aligned with Islamic world, where freedom, individual liberties and respect for peaceful neighbors and non-Muslim minorities are virtually unknown concepts.

This is what happens when globalists start redrawing maps of the world in ways they think are beneficial to them – with or without understanding the consequences of those actions.

New rules are being established – new rules that make no sense.

But have no illusions. The Turks are chomping at the bit to make their move in Cyprus – even before the seemingly inevitable agreement to grant Kosovo statehood is approved.

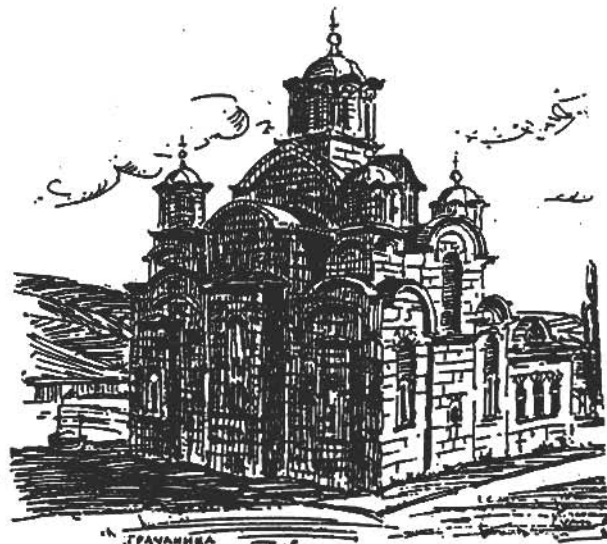
"When diplomatic efforts are exhausted, other alternatives are put on the table," explains Fulya Özerkan, a senior Turkish Cypriot official. "We clearly see this in Kosovo where diplomacy proved futile, and other formulas are floating around. This will certainly have an impact on Cyprus."

Özdil Nami was appointed by Turkish Cypriot President Mehmet Ali Talat last month to chair negotiations with the EU and United Nations for a settlement to the Cyprus dispute.

"Everyone sees 2008 as the last window of opportunity for a solution to the Cyprus problem, and especially Turkey's friends in the EU are pressuring the Greek Cypriots not to accept the status quo and to back initiatives for a settlement, and warning other alternatives could be on the agenda otherwise," he told the Turkish Daily News.

Nami, elaborating on the alternatives, compared the Cyprus problem with the deadlocked talks over the future of Kosovo.

"Balances are changing in Europe," he said. "What do we see in the case of Kosovo or Bosnia? When diplomatic efforts are exhausted other alternatives are put on the table. We clearly see this in Kosovo



Gracanica in Kosovo, built by King Milutin in 1322, is unique in style and ornamentation and known as one of the most beautiful Serbian churches ever built.

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As the EU nations failed to resolve the deadlock over Kosovo during negotiations this month, ethnic Albanians in this province pledged to proclaim independence from Serbia early this year. The United States and several EU states have indicated they will recognize it.

EU-member Greek Cyprus remains the only member blocking a unanimous position on Kosovo – both concerning recognizing its independence and on sending a 1,800-strong force there.

What are the dynamics for conflict here?

Russia supports Serbia's position that Kosovo has always been and should always be a part of Serbia.

Russia likewise supports Greece in its position on Cyprus.

How many times will Russia sit back and accept these pokes in the eye without retaliation?

But, making matters worse for the West, Russia happens to be right in both cases.

There is nothing to be gained by supporting the breakup of sovereign nations, unless you view it from the position of those whose real agenda is to break up all sovereign nations – confederating them all under regional and eventually global governments.

Those are the real stakes in Kosovo – not to mention the fact that recognizing the independence of Kosovo will be rewarding a Muslim terror campaign that has killed, raped and maimed countless Christians, burned down churches and ethnically cleansed the region in anticipation of statehood.

That's why I dissent on this global rush to welcome Kosovo into the community of nations.

Revanica monastery, built by Tsar Lazar just before the Battle of Kosovo (1389), is the largest Serbian Orthodox monastery near Caprija in Kosovo.



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## **Alexy II urges continuation of talks on Kosovo considering the Serbian point of view**

Belgrade, January 11, Interfax - Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia urged consideration of the position of the Kosovo Serbs in the future negotiating process on the status of Kosovo.

"The continuation [of the talks] is the only way to prevent new tragedies, new injustice. Any unilateral decision can shatter the unsteady peace," Alexy II said in the interview with the Belgrade newspaper *Blitz*.

Alexy II regretted that attempts have been taken "to resolve the Kosovo problem without considering the aspirations of the peoples that have lived there from ancient times."

"Some political forces" within and without the region have taken positions that have an "unfounded nature."

Alexy II also recalled the sufferings of the Serbian refugees and the desecration of the Orthodox sanctuaries in Kosovo.

These incidents "cannot leave people indifferent," he said.

"Very few people take into consideration that Kosovan sacred places are sacred for the Serbian people and cannot be a minor consideration in the political talks. This should be considered in future talks," he said.