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BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 18, 2012

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 18

24th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 7)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Church School and Teen Class

TUESDAY/NOVEMBER 20

Pre-feast of the Entrance

7:00p.m. Vigil

WEDNESDAY/NOVEMBER 21

Entrance of the Theotokos Into the Temple

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY/NOVEMBER 22

9:30a.m. Akathist "Glory to God For
All Things"

SATURDAY/NOVEMBER 24

St. Katherine the Great-Martyr

9:30a.m. Akathist to St. Katherine and
anointing with holy oil from her tomb;
10:15a.m. Coffee & refreshments and
half-hour video presentation about the
Convent of St. Elizabeth in Belarus;
11:00a.m. Religious Articles on sale
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 25

25th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)

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

11:45a.m. Movie: "Beware of Christians"



Icon of the Entrance into the Temple of the Mother of God.

Nativity Lent of 40 Days

Nov. 18, Sun.	Fast (Fish, wine & oil)
Nov. 19, Mon.	Fast
Nov. 20, Tues.	Fast (Wine & oil)
Nov. 21, Wed.	Fast (Fish, wine & oil)
Nov. 22, Thurs.	Fast (Wine & oil)
Nov 23, Sat.	Fast (Fish, wine & oil)
Nov 25, Sun.	Fast (Fish, wine & oil)

Offerings Week of November 18

Olive Oil – for the health of Mark and Libby; in memory of Michael, Justina and Rosalie; in memory of Joan and Sandy; in memory of Arthur Stanton; for the health of Frank and Joan Bongiorno (60th wedding anniversary); for a safe journey for Mary.

Wine – for a safe journey; in memory of Richard and Leigh.

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

Nov. 19, 1941 Mary Skwarla
Nov. 19, 1959 Andrew Panacek
Nov. 19, 1977 Mary Kachorsky
Nov. 19, 2007 Archbishop Peter
Nov. 19, 2007 Vera Somoluk
Nov. 20, 2002 Raymond Bolash
Nov. 21, 1997 George Zvonchenko
Nov. 21, 2004 Ann Zeban
Nov. 22, 2008 Anastasia Barna
Nov. 23, 1968 Daniel Podobed

Coffee Hour Hosting _ Fasting

Nov. 18 Inga, Eka and Marina
Nov. 25 Nana, Nona and Nino
Dec. 02 Motoviloff, Torrissi, Kachek & Stone

Ushers Schedule

Nov. 18 - P. Parsells and C. Dunaenko
Nov. 25 - E. Sarchisian and L. Khuzaurashvili
Dec. 02 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz

Incense Fragrances In Usage

Week of Nov. 18 “Catacomb”
Week of Nov. 25 “Hyssop”
Week of Dec. 02 “Sinai”

Names day Greetings: Many Years!

St. Alexander/Nov. 23 – Alexander Torrissi
St. Katherine/Nov. 24 – Kathyryn Motoviloff;
Katherine Mantzafos; Ekaterina Margiani and
Katherina Gedevani

Orthodox Youth Conference – Nov. 24th

This Conference is for Youth 16 ages thru college. It will be held at St. Peter’s University in Jersey City. See: www.copticbiblestudy.org

Film Sunday Nov. 25th at 11:45a.m.

“Beware of Christians” is the title of this 93 minute film that follows four Christian young men who travel to Europe from the USA. Their journey is to find a deeper experience of their Christian faith. Their encounters in the “Old World” bring new dimensions to their Faith and require them to examine themselves in depth. A film that inspires and challenges us to take a second look at our Christianity.

Parish Alerts – subscribe to the parish e-mail listing

Oftentimes, especially in the Winter, it may be necessary to cancel, postpone or re-schedule services, events, meetings or classes. These changes come on suddenly and the parish e-mail list provides the forum to communicate this. The e-mail listing also gives important news updates.

The “Spirit of Orthodoxy” Concert

The Concert last Sunday was well attended and inspiring for all. Our sincere thanks to Reader Symeon Combs who chaired the event and to all those that helped in the wonderful reception that followed. The Lord bless you all! A free-willing offering of \$583 was made that is being sent to IOCC for Hurricane Sandy relief work. Photos of the affair may be viewed on the parish website.

Congratulations!

To Frank and Joan Bongiorno who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy

Is expressed to John Kachek and Julia Galida on the recent repose of their sister, Stella Cooper of Manville (+ Nov. 4th). Memory Eternal!

Theology of Stewardship Booklet

This 19 page booklet was presented to each household in 2006. Copies still remain on the vestibule stand. As we are focusing on stewardship this month of November; please take the time to read or re-read this booklet.

THE THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 2012

SOME KEY CONCEPTS ABOUT PARISH SUPPORT

- The Parish Church is supported only by our parishioners and 90% of the income is received by means of the Sunday Envelopes (52 in number).
- All parishioners receive envelopes, if you are not receiving envelopes, you are not registered as a parishioner.
- In terms of financial support of the parish there is no required or suggested amount in dollar value of your offerings.
- Parishioners are invited and encouraged to adopt the tithing model of offering and support that has been implemented in our parish since 2006.
- In adopting the tithe or proportionate giving model, you self-determine what percentage (%) of your income you will offer as a “first-fruit offering,” on a regular basis, offered in thanksgiving using the Sunday envelopes.
- The percentage of our offering may be the standard of the “tithe,” that is 10%, or it may be a “proportionate offering” of any meaningful percent as 3%,5%,7%,12% etc..
- “First-fruit” offering means that we first dedicate to the Lord the first portion of our income as an offering of thanksgiving and understand and separate this offering from “latter” obligations and needs, as food, shelter, mortgage, utilities, entertainments etc. – which belong to the realm of bill paying.
- Any gift offered to the Lord through His Church is acceptable inasmuch as the one offering the gift offers “oneself” as the primary gift. The Lord desires us. We desire the Lord. What we offer as a tithe, special collection, almsgiving, and the usual gifts of candles, wine, olive oil, etc. is received by the Lord if we offer ourselves with them.
- An offering is pleasing to the Lord when it is offered in a true spirit of thanksgiving, is an expression of a faith commitment and is genuine (not a token gift).
- Beginning in the year 2012, our parish no longer involved itself with assessments to the Central church and diocese. As a parish we no longer collect assessments but submit a tithe (10%) to the diocese.
- Parishioners experiencing financial hardships should speak with the parish rector.

The Lord Bless!



ARCHBISHOP TIKHON ELECTED METROPOLITAN OF ALL AMERICA AND CANADA

From OCA.org / PARMA, OH [OCA]

Archbishop Tikhon, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, was elected Primate of the Orthodox Church in America during the 17th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America at Holy Trinity Church here, Nov. 13, 2012.

Six hundred and sixty three hierarchs, clergy and lay delegates and observers representing OCA parishes across the US, Canada, and Mexico, participated in the Council; 590 were eligible to vote. The Council opened with the Divine Liturgy and, after the celebration of a Service of Thanksgiving and the singing of the troparion invoking the Holy Spirit, the plenary session was opened.

"Christ grows brighter as we grow dimmer, as we approach the eternal light," said Archbishop Nathaniel, "and it is within this context that we gather today for one purpose: to glorify Father, Son and Holy Spirit... and to elect the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America."

No candidate received the required two-thirds margin on the 1st ballot. On the 2nd ballot, Archbishop Tikhon of Philadelphia and Eastern PA and Bishop Michael of NY and NJ, received 317 and 355 votes respectively. The members of the Holy Synod retired into the altar where they elected Archbishop Tikhon.

BIOGRAPHY OF HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN TIKHON

Archbishop Tikhon was born Marc R. Mollard in Boston, MA on July 15, 1966, the oldest of three children born to Francois and Elizabeth Mollard. After brief periods living in Connecticut, France, and Missouri, he and his family settled in Reading, PA, where he graduated from Wyomissing High School in 1984. In 1988 he received a BA in French and Sociology from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, after which he moved to Chicago.

In 1989 he was received into the Orthodox Church from Episcopalianism and, in the fall of the same year, he began studies at Saint Tikhon Seminary, South Canaan, PA. A year later he entered St. Tikhon's Monastery as a novice.

After receiving his Master's of Divinity from St. Tikhon's Seminary in 1993, he was appointed instructor in Old Testament at the seminary. He continues to serve as Senior Lecturer in Old Testament, teaching Master level courses in the Prophets and the Psalms and Wisdom Literature. He is also an instructor in the seminary's Extension Studies program, offering courses in the lives of the Old Testament saints, the liturgical use of the Old Tes-



tament, and the Old Testament in patristic literature. Archbishop Tikhon collaborated with Igumen Alexander (Golitzin) in the publication of "The Living Witness of the Holy Mountain," published by St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, by illustrating this classic book about Mount Athos.

In 1995 he was tonsured to the Lesser Schema by Archbishop Herman, and given the name Tikhon, in honor of St. Patriarch Tikhon, Enlightener of North America. Later that year he was ordained to the Holy Diaconate and Priesthood at St. Tikhon's Monastery. In 1998 he was elevated to the rank of Igumen, and in 2000 to the rank of Archimandrite.

In December 2002, he was appointed by Metropolitan Herman to serve as Deputy Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery. Met. Herman presided at the consecration of Archbishop Tikhon [Mollard] to the episcopacy at St. Tikhon's Monastery on Saturday, February 14, 2004. Archbishop Tikhon was elevated to the rank of Archbishop on May 9, 2012. On November 13, 2012, Archbishop Tikhon was elected Primate of the Orthodox Church in America at the 17th All-American Council.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY APPEAL FOR

ST TIKHON SEMINARIAN FAMILY - Morrison family

For Patti and Jeff: gift cards/cash is great--cards to Amazon, Target, Wegman's

Benjamin (11 year old boy)

- Nerf N-Strike Blaster (CS-6, Retaliator), with darts
- ~~Lego Lord of the Rings--would enjoy any set~~ Taken
- Nice chess set (Lord of the Rings?)
- ~~Trivial Pursuit DVD game: Lord of the Rings, or Lord of the Rings~~ Taken
- Stratego Game or Card Game
- Nice wooden icon of Christ or the Theotokos

The Hobbit or the Lord of the Rings cartoon movie

Genevieve (9 year old girl)

- Calico Critters--Outback Koala family, Deer family, or Dalmation dog family
- Lego Friends--Heartlake Vet set, stables
- Flannel Nightgown (could choose from--Miniboden Printed Nightie size 11-12, Hanna Anderson Dreamy Nightgown sz 150, Lands End Flannel nightgown big girl size M
- ~~Butterfly net~~ Taken
- Pretty hand bags and pretty shoulder bags
- Piggy bank

Cecilia (5 year old girl)

- Calico critter families--elephant family or cat family, - Lego Friends--Olivia's tree house (or others)
- Play/Learning computer (Leap Frog, Fischer Price...)
- ~~Hair bows and clips--all colors~~ Taken
- ~~Girls flannel night gown--Lands End, Little girl size M~~ Taken
- Dress up

CASH DONATIONS ALSO WELCOMED! THANK YOU!

(see other side of page for more about Morrison family)

About Morrison Family

The Morrison family is in their 3rd year at seminary, coming from a wonderful OCA parish in Colorado Springs. Jeff (David) and Patti (Photini) were married in 2000 in San Antonio--and a week later moved to Guatemala to teach at a missionary school for a year. Patti is a social worker by trade, and Jeff is a professional musician who has spent many years in full time ministry work. They have 3 children. Benjamin is 11, and loves play sword fights, Legos, and adventures with friends. Genevieve is 9 and enjoys horses, playing outdoors, and reading. Cecilia will be 5 in early December, and enjoys playing dress-up, doll house games, and crafty things. All the children love music and sing well. The family joined the Orthodox church in 2006. The Morrison's love to be active and outside (hiking, biking, etc.), singing and playing board games, and watching old "I Love Lucy" dvds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please speak with Pam Stone

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SUNDAY, NOV. 25TH – FINAL DAY

FOR GIFTS