

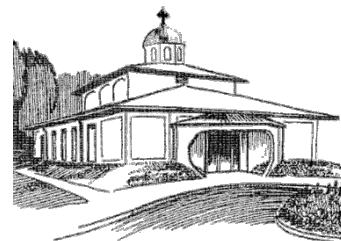


St Nicholas Orthodox Church

*A Parish of the Diocese of the Midwest
of the Orthodox Church in America*

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Services & Events Beginning Sunday, May 19, 2024

Sunday, May 19 *Third Sunday of Pascha: The Myrrh-Bearing Women*
9a Church School (last day) || 9:45 Third Hour || 10a Divine Liturgy

Monday, May 20 *Fr Mark leaves for clergy convocation in Chicago*

Fr Mark will be at the Diocesan Clergy Convocation in the Chicago area from May 20 to 23. In the case of a pastoral emergency requiring immediate assistance, please contact our dean, Fr Nicholas Wyslutsky (330-628-4441).

Friday, May 24 *Fr Mark returns from clergy convocation (likely late in the evening)*

Saturday, May 25 *Third Finding of the Baptist's Head*
1p Betrothal and Crowning of Patrick and Elizabeth
4:30p Confessions || 5:30p Great Vespers

Sunday, May 26 *Fourth Sunday of Pascha: The Paralytic*
8:45a Third Hour || 9a Baptism and Divine Liturgy of Pax



Attendance & Stewardship for May 12, 2024

Attendance: 136; **Operating:** \$4,524; **ZOE:** \$500;
Maintenance: \$245; **Diocesan Dues:** \$1,118;
Candles: \$192; **Uganda:** \$80; **Parish Charities:** \$295;
Seminary: \$10

“Again we pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple . . .”
(from the final petition of the Augmented Litany)

Thank you for your generosity!



NOTES FROM THE RECTOR

Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Joe

Thank you to everyone who helped with building the ramp for Joe Chuppa (both to those who contributed financially, and to those who gave your time in labor—especially to those who gave multiple days of work to bring this project to completion). I am especially grateful to Tim Halligan for designing the ramp and

for gathering the needed permissions/approvals, for getting the material needed, etc. May the Lord reward you all for your kindness.



Call for Assistance in Getting Joe to Church

Now that Joe's ramp is installed, he has more mobility and so can come to services more regularly. But he will need some help with rides to make this happen. If you are able to help him with this (at least periodically), please get in touch with me (preferably via email).



Upcoming Sacramental Celebrations

The next few weekends will be busy at our parish with a number of sacramental celebrations. For the sake of clarity about what to expect, I want to include a few notes about how these celebrations will take place:

First: The crowning of Patrick and Elizabeth Szuhay will be served this coming Saturday at 1pm. Please

note that the Church does not ordinarily permit crownings on Saturday (since Saturdays are usually dedicated to the memory of all of the departed, and also since Saturday evening is dedicated to preparing for the Lord's Day). For logistical reasons that proved insuperable, however, Archbishop Daniel gave his blessing to do this service on Saturday as an exception. In the future, crownings will usually be served on Sunday afternoon.

Second: This coming Sunday, May 26, we will serve the baptism of Pax Szuhay. We will begin the pre-baptismal rites at 9am. Please take note of this beginning time, which is different from what is on the monthly calendar.

Third: On Sunday, June 2, we will receive two of our catechumens into the Church: Nick and Abrea Monda. Nick will be received via chrismation, and Abrea by baptism. Because the services of baptism and chrismation are separate services, I consulted with Archbishop Daniel for how we might accommodate for the fact that they must be received in different ways, while still also finding a way to receive them together at the same time. With his blessing, we will receive Nick and Abrea in this way:

For the preliminary rites of baptism and chrismation, we will follow the normal orders: We will do all of the preliminary rites for baptism for Abrea, and we will do all of the preliminary rites of chrismation for Nick. (We might do these rites on Saturday evening, but I will decide this for sure this coming week.)

When it comes time for the actual baptism and chrismations, we will begin the baptismal service with the usual censuring of the font, "Blessed is the kingdom...", the litanies and blessing of the water, etc. Abrea will receive baptism according to the usual order. Then, when it comes time for her to be anointed with chrism, she and Nick will receive the mystery of holy chrismation together.

Please pray for Elizabeth, Patrick, Pax, Nick, and Abrea as they prepare for their reception of the holy mysteries over the next two weekends.



**June 9: Special Parish Meeting
(First Announcement)**

In accord with our parish by-laws (IV.1.d), starting this week I am announcing the calling of a special

meeting for the entire parish, which will take place (provided that we have a quorum) on the morning of **June 9**. The meeting will take place in the parish hall, immediately following the Divine Liturgy (including the kissing of the cross, the consumption of the holy Gifts, and the clean-up of the altar and holy table).

This special meeting will consider **one matter only**: the need to fund a major repair of our parking lot. By way of further explanation: Our parking lot is in poor shape at this time. The lot is beyond just seal coating, which would last a year and not actually fix the problems. To correctly repair the lot for years of use, a total resurfacing is required.

The Parish Council has obtained four different quotes on repairing the lot. It has narrowed them down to two local companies: Titan Asphalt and Paving, and North Coast Asphalt.

Titan Asphalt and Paving has given a quote of \$69,972.00 (current as of 3/28/24). This includes removing 2" of existing surface and installation of 2" new asphalt, as well as line striping. Titan offers no warranty on resurfacing.

North Shore Asphalt has given a quote of \$62,900.00 (current as of 5/4/24). This includes removing 2" of existing surface and installation of 2" new asphalt, as well as line striping. North Shore offers a 2-year warranty.



Clergy Convocation This Week

As noted both on the monthly calendar and also on the calendar printed in this week's bulletin, I will be gone for most of this week at a clergy convocation taking place outside of Chicago. If a situation arises that requires immediate pastoral assistance, please contact our dean, Fr Nicholas Wyslutsky (330-628-4441). If you need to be in touch with me about something that is not urgent, please email me or call me (if I cannot take the call, please leave a voicemail).



**Anniversary of the Return of the Tikhvin Icon:
Events in Chicago on June 25 & 26**

To mark the twentieth anniversary of the return of the Tikhvin icon from our God-protected diocese to its original home, there will be a number of celebrations at Holy Trinity Cathedral in connection with the

feast-day of the Appearance of the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God: On Tuesday, June 25, All-Night Vigil will be celebrated at the cathedral at 6:00p. Then, on June 26, there will be a Primatial Divine Liturgy at 9:30a, served by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, and concelebrated by other hierarchs of our Church. A cross-procession through the streets from Holy Trinity Cathedral to St George Cathedral will then take place, followed by a festal banquet.

If you are interested in participating in this event, more information is found online: <https://domoca.org/20th-anniversary-of-the-tikhvin-icon/>.



This Week: Feast Day at Sts Constantine and Helen

This week, Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in (Cleveland Heights) celebrates its patronal feast. To mark the occasion, they are inviting local parishes to their celebrations: Great Vespers will be celebrated on the evening of Monday, May 20 at 7:00p. And then on Tuesday, May 21, the Divine Liturgy will be served at 10:00a. Both events will be followed by a reception and fellowship.



June 1: Cleaning Day at St Vladimir's Camp

This past week, it was announced at our local deanery meeting that St Vladimir's Camp will be doing a major cleaning day on Saturday, June 1. The camp is asking local parishes to help with this. Especially if you or your children have benefited from their experience at the camp in the past, please consider offering your time.



Parish Prayer List

Perry Capitan, Julian, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn Dzura's daughter), **Emily Finazzo**, (friend of the Rendas), **David Campbell** (Debbie Clements' brother), **Patrick Leahy** (Dave K.'s brother-in-law), **Rick Wagner** (Merrick and Mia's grandfather), **Bruce** (Kristen Moore's father), **Joseph Chuppa, Ronald** (in baptism, **Thomas**) (Collin Moore's father), **Mary Ann Sheranko, Helen** (Jan Ursinyi's mother), **Kevin, Declan, and Teagon** (husband and children of the newly-reposed Kristen), **Christina & John** (Mike Brzozowski's sister and brother), **Andrew Dzura,**

Rich Cook (Cindy Renda's brother), **Daniel Conger** (friend of Jim Renda); **the residents of St Herman's House, as well as those who serve them;** our seminarian, **Cole (Paul) Schlafer**, and his family members: **Sarah, Simon, Michael, & Nikolai;** the members of the **Bagley family, especially Joseph, Rosemary, Isaac, Lucia, & Julian;** **Jim Barkas; Delphine** (mother of Sean Kiernan, husband of newly-reposed John); **Jennifer, Gani & Stilja** (friends of Katie Horabik); **Dana** (Merrick and Mia Wagner's step-mother); **Stacey and Ian** (friends of Katie Horabik); **Janice** (Laurie Alexander's mother); **Miriam Kuhl** (Sue Hoffacker's sister); **Boris & Maria** (friends of Anna Kozikov); **Michael** (cousin of Anna Kozikov); **Amy Wagner; Katarina** (relative of Natalie Antonoff); **Aleksey Byltsov** (son of Natalie Antonoff); **Willie Gomer** (in baptism: **Alexander**); **Priest James Bernstein; the suffering Christians of Ukraine, the Middle East, and Armenia**

Birthdays this week: 5/21: Eric Ray; 5/23: James Pepera

Anniversary this week: 5/20: Calin & Nicoleta Lechintan

Expecting: Greg & Grace, Patrick & Katherine, Jake & Allison Szendrey, Subdeacon David (Jeffrey) & Michelle, Brian & Katya

Catechumens: Dalton Moses, Nick & Abrea Monda (*who are soon to be illumined*), **Alex Wittie**

Newly born: Anysia Theophana (Joseph & Venessa); Leo (Weston & Rachel); Kennedy Anne (Jon & Alexandra)

Newly departed: Paris Anthony Santone (Debbie Covelli's nephew), **Joseph Demanski, Cathy Ubancic** (friend of the Rendas), **Patricia** (Michael Abernathy's grandmother), **Nun Elizabeth** (of Holy Transfiguration Monastery), **Kristen** (Michelle Hoover's cousin), **Jane Hunt** (great grandmother of Sofia Kiernan), **Patricia Wilcoxson** (Rosemary Bagley's mother); **Joseph Naymik; Jay Emmer-Lovell** (friend of the Russell, Horabik & Lehman families); **Pauline Demanski; Elizabeth** (Denise Busch's aunt); **Theodore Kisha** (father of Ted Kisha); **Daniel** (newly reposed infant son of Fr Peter and Matushka Sophie Ries); **John** (father of Sean Kiernan)

