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Sunday	Aug 5	<i>10th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / Mary Callinicus</i>
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
		5:30 pm Great Vespers & Litya / Blessing of Fruit
Monday	Aug 6	<i>The Transfiguration of our Lord</i>
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Fruit
Saturday	Aug 11	<i>Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania</i>
		5:30 pm Great Vespers
Sunday	Aug 12	<i>11th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 2 / Martyrs Anicletus & Photius</i>
		Readings: 1 Cor 9:2-12 Matt 18:23-35
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Jul 29

Attendance: (Adults 102, Children 13)	115
Operating	\$2,510.00
OCA Assessments	58.00
Uganda Children	24.00
Charities	30.00
IOCC	25.00
Icons	98.00

HELP FILL THE PANTRY

Please consider donating food, paper and health supplies to the orphans at St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico. Our goal is to collect 20 cases of supplies (by August 26) and a company will transport the items to Mexico at no charge to us. Lists of needs are available at the candle stand. Boxes to place your donations are located in the back of the hall. Thank you for your generosity. Contact Peggy Walker with questions.

CONFESSION NOTE

Please be planning to approach for your Summer Confession through August. Special times have been added on some Wednesdays, before some Vespers on Saturday and the usual time afterward.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Kathy (Denise F's sis), Jim (Ruth's dad), John (Adam's nephew), Ted Geletka, (Fr's frnd), infant Julian, John Clements, Willie (Elena G's son), Sarah Crivella, Darlene (Mary V's csn), Nancy, (Ruth B's frnd), Andy Dzura, suffering Christians in Ukraine

and the Middle East.

Birthdays: Iya Nemastil, Inga Frumker (8/6), Sarah Schlafer (8/8), Catherine Theophylactos (8/9).

Newborns: Sophia (Patrick & Deanna), tJames (Mitch & Winnie), Matthew (Alexandr & Olga), Nicholas (Jonathan & Larissa).

Expecting: Colin & Tamuna, Tom & Laura, Deanna & Patrick, Alexandr & Olga, Chad & Meredith, Matt & Michelle, Tom & Miranda, Mitch & Winnie.

Departed: Karyn (Gloria H's friend).

Our Seminarian: Brian Crivella & Family.

The mountain that was once gloomy and veiled in smoke has now become venerable and holy, since Your feet, O Lord, have stood upon it. For Your dread Transfiguration, the mystery hidden before the ages, has been made manifest in the last times to Peter, John and James. Unable to endure the shining of Your countenance and the brightness of Your garments, they fell to the ground upon their faces. Seized with astonishment and wonder, they saw Moses and Elijah talking with You of the things that should befall You; and a voice in testimony came from the Father, saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased: hear Him. He it is who grants the world great mercy.

— Vespers Hymn of Transfiguration —

19th All American Council of the Orthodox Church in America
For the Life of the World (writing of Alexander Schmemmann) - July 23-27, 2018
Reflection Report given by Cindy Banjoff

This year's theme of the council came from a text written by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann in 1963. His theological teachings has been translated and studied for decades. Our Metropolitan's reflection "["Of What Life Do We Speak?"](#)" stems from these teachings, and outlines 4 pillars of strength that provides a solid base for the church:

***Spiritual Life *Stewardship *Relations with others *Evangelism**

The council was comprised of general meetings that include committee reports, Diocesan videos as well as breakout forums to discuss the pillars that comprise a healthy church. The overall atmosphere was one of peace and gratitude for the healing that has been accomplished through accountability and transparency. There was also a clear desire to grow in Christ; a true receiving of the Apostolic life in order to share it.

Highlights

- ❖ The OCA chancery continues to undergo streamlining to make the most of the funds available for our mission. The restructuring process will continue into 2019.
- ❖ **A resolution was passed** to maintain the AAC every 3 years rather than the proposed 4 years to preserve and grow in our unified goal of growing in Christ.
- ❖ The proportional model (vs. per capita) of stewardship adopted at the 18th AAC in 2015 continues to prove itself as both a viable and appropriate way to manage funds for our overall mission. Two of our diocese have been functioning this way for some time, so the transition has been simplified for them. There continues to be a strong disparity between diocesan contributions though, with a few of the dioceses, including the Midwest, currently giving 46% of funds to the national church while others are at 34%, and some of the ethnic diocese adhering to their original fixed amount when they merged into the OCA. ***A resolution was passed** to decrease the percent being paid by those over 34% by 2% each year, bringing our proportion down to 40% by the next AAC. Although opponents spoke against the resolution as not being enough, I do believe it is a step in the right direction as we work to fully unify our churches.*
- ❖ Members (clergy and lay delegates) of the Metropolitan Council and Pension Board were elected. Their Biographical information are available in the hall.

I thank you for the opportunity to participate in the AAC as a delegate and am available for any further questions or discussions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Banjoff