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Sunday	Jan 20	<i>34th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / Venerable Euthymius the Great</i>	
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
Saturday	Jan 26	<i>St David of Georgia</i>	
		5:30 pm	Great Vespers
Sunday	Jan 27	<i>35th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 2 / Venerable Euthymius the Great</i>	
		Readings:	Col 3:12-16 Mt 25:14-30
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Jan 13

Attendance: (Adults 100, Children 25)	130
Operating	\$4,012.00
OCA Assessments	1,770.00
Uganda Children	175.00
Charities	90.00
Icons	30.00
IOCC	65.00
Maintenance	21.00

SPECIAL THANKS

Fr Andrew would like to thank everyone who contributed pies last week for Pie Sunday in honor of his Birthday. He enjoyed a great piece of pumpkin with double whipped cream and a few pieces to go.

NEW ASSESSMENT AMOUNT

\$193 is the annual amount per voting member for the Diocese and the OCA.

TAX STATEMENTS

2018 Tax Statements are available in the Social Hall on the same table where the new envelopes were available. Any questions, see Larry or Nick.

HOUSE BLESSING

Please sign up on the easle in the foyer if you would like your house to be blessed. The schedule is arranged by areas and day time hours are available by calling the parish office at 946-9571.

CHRISTMAS ADVENT PROJECT UPDATE

We thank everyone who has participated in our project to provide new outfits for seventy Ugandan Children.

If you still haven't turned in your card and money, please see Debbie ASAP.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Kathy (Denise F's sis), John (Adam's nephew), Ted Geletka, Nina Stehnach (Fr's frnds), Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Nancy, (Ruth B's frnd), Joella (Lu D's daughter) Lillian (Lu D's mom), Bradley (Tina C's son), suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Anniversaries: Ron & Mary Ray (1/23).

Birthdays: Magnus Tollefson, Victoria Zasukhina (1/21), Ron Ray (1/23), Katie D'Fantis (1/26).

Newborns: Maxime (Colin & Tamuna), Amalie & Augstine (Daniel & Danielle), Nicholas (Vytas & Inga), Emmett (Tom & Laura).

Expecting: Tom & Stephanie, Bobby & Juliana, David & Maria.

Departed: Mary Georges (12/31, Peter's mom), Olivia Hall (12/29, Dan R's niece), Greg Beskalo (12/22, Halligan friend).

Newly Illumined: Matthew, Matthew, Melania, Mary, Naomi & Michael.

Our Seminarian: Deacon Brian Crivella & Family.

Our Missionaries: Peter & Sharon.



**ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE METROPOLITAN TIKHON
SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY
SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 2019**

To the honorable Clergy, venerable Monastics, and pious Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

For forty-six years, we have lamented the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States of America. And for forty-six years, those who consider life to be a sacred gift from God have gathered each January in Washington, DC and elsewhere in this nation to proclaim this most sacred gift. Created as we are in the very image and likeness of God, we turn to the One Whom we worship as the "Giver of Life" in thanksgiving for sharing His very life with "every man who comes into the world," even "from his mother's womb."

In our liturgical worship, we continuously acknowledge God as the "Bestower of Life." And in doing so, we recognize that His precious gift is imparted at the moment of conception -- a reality underscored in Luke 1:41, in which we read that John the Baptist "leaped" in his mother Elizabeth's womb, rejoicing in her encounter with the Mother of God. It has become increasingly evident, however, that proclaiming the sanctity of life involves much more than lamenting the legalization of abortion and protecting the unborn, crucial as these are.

While we so often speak of life "in the womb" and eternal life "beyond the tomb," there are many related issues that are encountered "in between." Our commitment to life of necessity extends to care for our infants, our infirm, our elderly -- and ourselves. While expressing our concern and offering our prayers for the unborn, we are called to recognize that issues such as the opioid crisis, the cost of quality health care, capital punishment, the marked increase in addictions and suicide, to name but a few, are intimately connected to our recognition and proclamation of God's gift of life.

Our Christian witness demands not only concern for the unborn, but a sense of responsibility to ensure that living a "life well lived" -- seeking the blessedness to which we have been called -- extends to the unborn and born alike. As we discern the will of God in our own lives, we are called to preserve and protect all life in recognition of God's plan for His people on this earth and in anticipation of "the life of the world to come."

As we mark this sorrowful anniversary, may we turn our attention to the "Giver of Life," Who created us in His ever-abundant love. May we, each in our own way, proclaim His sacred gift. And may we embrace His will, that in all things He and He alone might be glorified as the "Fountain of Life" and the "Light of the world," Who brings all mankind to that Kingdom which has yet to be fully revealed, but is already fully present in the life of His people, the Church.

With love in Christ,

+ Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada