



# Weekly Bulletin

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct 9</b>	<i>17th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / St Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow</i>		
		9:00 am	Church School	
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy	Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	<i>St Sabinus, Bishop of Catania</i>		
		5:30 pm	Great Vespers	Confession
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>	<i>18th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / Frs of the Seventh Ecumenical Council</i>		
		Readings:	2 Cor 9:6-11	Luke 8:5-15
		9:00 am	Church School	
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy	Coffee Hour

**ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Oct 2**

Attendance	140
Operating	3,921.00
OCA Assessments	82.00
Icons	1,050.00
Maintenance	40.00
Charities	60.00
IOCC	72.00
Seminarians	255.00
Uganda	245.00

**YOUTH GROUP**

We will meet at 3:30 pm on Saturday, Oct 15 at the Pavilion for a Campfire, Weenie Roast, Smores, Songs & Games. Fr A will have a little lesson with the Kids followed by Vespers. Let Meredith Nicoletti know what you'll bring to the event.

**CONTRIBUTING OPTIONS AT ST NICK'S**

We now have three ways that Stewardship Contributions can be received: The Offering Box on the table in the back, Pay Pal (see the Church Website) and the Square Terminal on the Candle Stand. Questions regarding Pay Pal and Square can be directed to Sub-deacon Daniel.

**PRAYER CORNER + + + + +**

Perry (Capitan), Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), Francis James (Anna D's frnd), Paris Santone (Debbie C's nephew), Kristin & Cameron Robinson, Anna Como, Evelyn Kontra (Renda frnds), Nick Covelli, Jan & Tonya (Ruth Bede's sis &

frnd), Becky Strunk (Gloria H's frnd), suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Anniversaries:** Chad & Meredith Nicoletti (10/12), Joe & Ashly Dimattia (10/13).

**Birthdays:** Paula Tintor, Alexi (Byltsov) Antinoff (10/12), Emily Medakovich (10/14).

**Expecting:** Mitch & Winnie, Brian & Katya, Jairus & Riley, Doug & Allysa.

**Newly United:** Rebecca & Stephen, Rachel & Weston.

**Newborns:** Eleanor Hoover (Jeffery & Michelle), Vasili (Joseph & Venessa).

**Departed:** John Miklos (10/2, Fr A's frnd), Queen Elizabeth II (9/8), Metropolitan Herman (9/6), Ivana Kucmanic (9/5, David's gram).

We honor you, all-praised God-bearing Father Tikhon, successor to the Apostles and of like character with the martyrs, zealous emulator of the ascetics, seal of teachers, divine model, expounder of the Mysteries of Christ, and river spilling out holy understanding, drowning the intentions of the blasphemers and transgressors, O truly-wise New Confessor Tikhon.

— Vesperal Hymn for St Tikhon —

# St Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of America

St Tikhon (né Vasily Ivanovich Bellavin); was born on January 19, 1865. His father was Ioann Bellavin, a rural priest of the Toropetz district of the Pskov diocese. “From his early years he displayed a particular religious disposition, love for the Church as well as rare meekness and humility. ... From 1878 to 1883, Vasily studied at the Pskov Theological Seminary. ... His fellow students liked and respected him for his piety, brilliant progress in studies, and constant readiness to help comrades, who often turned to him for explanations of lessons, especially for help in drawing up and correcting numerous compositions. Vasily was called ‘bishop’ and ‘patriarch’ by his classmates.”

While in America, St Tikhon established his cathedral in New York City, and presided over a vast archdiocese, encouraging and authorizing many publications in the English language. Among these, he encouraged the translation of the Eastern Liturgy into English by Isabel Florence Hapgood, and he wrote an extensive catechism based on the Nicene Creed and the Our Father.

“Following graduation from the Pskov Seminary and St. Petersburg Theological Academy, he becomes an instructor first at Pskov Theological Seminary (1888-91), then Kholm Theological Seminary (1891-97), where he quickly became Rector. Just prior to his transfer to Kholm he was tonsured a monk with the name Tikhon and ordained.”

One of the first Orthodox bishops to do major work in North America, St. Tikhon went on to establish the “Diocese of the Aleutians and North America” after converting many people on the continent. Deemed an honorary citizen of the United States, he consecrated Orthodox Churches in America during the early 20th Century. The saint was also the primary founder of St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Monastery (South Canaan, Pennsylvania), naming it for his heavenly patron, St. Tikhon of Zadonsk.

After returning to Russia in 1907, he continued to win the affection of thousands with his humble piety and loving affection. During World War I, he charitably aided displaced citizens, who flocked to him. He was also honored on November 5, 1917 by being elected Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church. St. Tikhon had to overcome much disunity within the Church.

When the ungodly Bolshevik regime took control of the country, Church property was confiscated and the Russian Orthodox Church had to endure much repression. St. Tikhon openly condemned the killings of Czar’s family in 1918 and protested against violent attacks by the Bolsheviks on the Church. At this time, he called Russian Orthodox Christians to unite and strengthen their practices. To avoid further persecution, he issued a message that clergy were not to make any political statements.

From 1922 to 1923, Patriarch Tikhon was imprisoned in Donskoy Monastery after he openly opposed the government’s decree of being able to confiscate Church property. Thousands of Russian believers were shot. Upon being released, he assured the regime of his loyalty in an apparent attempt to relieve the harsh pressures on the Church. Despite his declaration of loyalty, he continued to enjoy the trust of the Orthodox community in Russia.

As persecution continued, he began to feel overwhelmed, and his strength and health declined. On Sunday April 5, 1925 he served his last Liturgy. He died giving the Sign of the Cross, saying, “Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.” He only crossed himself two times, dying before he could complete the third. After his death, he was considered a martyr for the faith.

In 1989, Patriarch Tikhon was glorified by the Church of Russia. This process is generally considered an example of the thaw in Church-Soviet relations in the Glasnost era.

His feast day (Falling Asleep) is celebrated on April 7 and his glorification is celebrated on October 9.

## Quotes by St Tikhon

“Devote all your energy to preaching the word of God and the truth of Christ, especially today, when unbelief and atheism are audaciously attacking the Church of Christ. May the God of peace and love be with all of you!”

“May God teach every one of us to strive for His truth, and for the good of the Holy Church, rather than something for our own sake.”

“The spread of Christ’s faith ought to be near and precious to the heart of every Orthodox Christian”