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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

A Community of the Orthodox Church in America

Celebrating our 50th Year witnessing to the Apostolic Faith in Lake County

Father Andrew Clements, Pastor

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Sunday	Oct 8	<i>17th Sndy aft Pentecost / Tone 1 / Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council</i>
		9:00 am Church School
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
Saturday	Oct 14	<i>Venerable Parasceva of Serbia</i>
		5:00 pm Vespers / Coffee Hour / Visit with the Archbishop
Sunday	Oct 15	<i>18th Sndy aft Pentecost / Tone 2 / Ven. Euthymius the New, Martyr Lucian</i>
50th Anniversary Celebration	Readings:	2 Cor 11:31-12:9 Luke 8:5-15
	9:30 am	Greet the Bishop / Divine Liturgy / Awards / 1:00 pm Banquet

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Oct 1

Attendance	147
Operating	4,517.00
OCA	78.00
Maintenance	40.00
Icons	30.00
Charities	115.00
Seminary	450.00
Uganda	90.00

SPECIAL WELCOME

We welcome Fr John Zdinak who presided today at the Liturgy. Thanks Fr John for leading us all to the Lord's Table.

TRAVELING

Please keep Fr A and family in your prayers as they travel to Charleston SC for their vacation. In case of emergency please contact Fr Alexander Garklavs at 516-761-8772.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our Anniversary Celebration will begin on Oct 14 at 4:00 pm in the Church with a gathering of Archbishop Daniel and our Parish Youth. Vespers will follow at 5:00 pm followed by a Coffee Hour and an opportunity to meet and visit with the Archbishop. We will greet the Archbishop at 9:30 am on Sunday, Oct 15, when he will preside at the Liturgy, bestow Awards and be our Guest of Honor at the Banquet beginning at 1:00 pm.

MIRACLE WORKING ICON HERE

On Friday, Oct 20 at 6:30 pm, we will gather to serve

the Akathist before the Iveron Icon and be anointed with the holy myrrh. A Coffee Hour will follow.

RETREAT WITH FR STEPHEN FREEMAN

On Saturday, Nov 4 we will have the distinct opportunity to hear Fr Stephen Freeman speak. There will be three sessions on Saturday with Lunch and Fr Stephen will be the preacher at our Liturgy on Nov 5.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Julian, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dgtr), Paris Santone (Debbie Covelli's nephew), Anna Como, Barb (Renda frnd), Nick Covelli, David Campbell (Deb's bro), Theresa, Bernice, (Maryann S's frnds), the suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East, those suffering in Morocco.

Anniversaries: Chad & Meredith Nicoletti (10/12), Joe & Ashley DiMattia (10/13).

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

Newborns: Sophronia (Maxim & Mindy), Holden (Collin & Laiken), Esther (Stephen & Rebecca), Patrick III (Patrick & Elizabeth), Henry Jude (Peter & Caitlin).

Newly United: Drew & Tess.

Newly Illumined: Raphael (9/17).

Newly Departed: Joanna Mihalik (Debbie Covelli's cousin, 9/22).

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary

Retreat with Fr Stephen Freeman

Saturday, November 4



Fr. Stephen is an Orthodox Priest under the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Church in America. He is Pastor Emeritus of St. Anne Orthodox Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

He is the author of numerous published articles and the books *Face to Face: Knowing God Beyond Our Shame*, and *Everywhere Present: Christianity in a One-Storey Universe*. He is also the author of the popular podcast, *Glory to God*, on Ancient Faith Radio.

Fr. Stephen has a B.A. in Classical Languages from Furman University (1977), a M.Div. from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary (1980), and a M.A. in Theology from Duke University (1991). His thesis at Duke was entitled *The Icon as Theology*.

Retreat Schedule

10:00 am

When God Became an Exile

Modern people often see our world as a “neutral zone,” a place that is free of religion or God. Fr. Alexander Schmemmann described this “secularism” as the greatest heresy of our time. What did he mean? What difference does it make for our lives as Christians?

Break

11:30 am

The World as Sacrament

The Church speaks to us of sacraments - the Eucharist, Holy Baptism, etc. It is easy to think of these as special actions for certain occasions. But the “whole world is a sacrament” in the teaching of Orthodoxy. What does such a thing mean - what does it look like in our daily lives?

1:00 pm - Lunch

2:00 pm

The Sacrament of Christmas

St. Paul says of Christ that He “emptied Himself.” In His nativity, we see that the God of all becomes a child. He submits to be born as a human. We find in this a pattern for our lives. St. Sophrony taught, “The way down is the way up.” How do we follow Christ “down” in the journey of Christmas?

3:30 pm - Vespers

Fr Stephen will be our Guest Homilist at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 5