



Weekly Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

A Community of the Orthodox Church in America

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Sunday	Mar 12	<i>2nd Sndy of Lent / Tone 6 / Gregory Palamas</i>	
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
Wednesday	Mar 15	<i>Third Wednesday of Lent</i>	
		4:00 pm	Confession
		6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday	Mar 18	<i>St Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem</i>	
		4:00 pm	Confession
		5:30 pm	Great Vespers Confession
Sunday	Mar 19	<i>3rd Sndy of Lent / Tone 7 / Veneration of the Cross</i>	
		Readings:	Heb 4:14-5:6 Mk 2:1-12
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
		5:00 pm	Deanery Akathist to the Life Giving Cross / St Michael's

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Mar 5

Attendance	143
Operating	\$3,525.00
Maintenance	92.00
OCA Assessments	694.00
Charities	118.00
Alms	163.00
Uganda	120.00
Flowers	10.00
Icons	10.00

CATECHUMEN CLASS

Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing the Nicene Creed. Everyone is invited.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP FOR PASCHA

Next Saturday, March 18 at 9:30 am, we will gather at the church for our Pascha Clean-Up. Please join us to Spruce it up for the Lord. Any students needing community service points are welcomed.

CHURCH SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT

This year we will be supporting Birthright of Geauga County. Please see the Flyer that was attached along with this bulletin.

CONFESSION NOTE

Please note the special times added for Confession throughout Lent and approach in timely manner. Everyone should offer their Confession during the Great Fasting Season.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Julian, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), Paris Santone (Debbie C's nephew), Anna Como, Barb (Renda frnd), Nick Covelli, David Campbell (Deb's bro), Norma K, George H, (Maryann S's frnds), the suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Birthdays: Elijah Moore (3/13), Bobby Wick, Naomi Sherman (3/16).

Newborns: Nicholas (Brian & Katya) Wells (Mitch & Winnie). Galen (Scott & Alysse), Lannon Marie (Jairus & Riley Morton).

Expecting: Stephen & Rebecca, Maxim & Mindy, Collin & Laiken, Patrick & Elizabeth, David & Maria.

Newly Departed: Fr Daniel Rentel, (2/7).

Our Missionaries: Peter, Anna & Scott.

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary

Our Thanks to Dennis Bell



25 years ago, Dennis Bell saw the need for an Orthodox Church east of Cleveland where no Orthodox parish existed. His seemingly humble efforts resulted in the establishment of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Mentor. Over the last quarter century, St. Nicholas has nurtured faithful from Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Summit and Ashtabula Counties. Dennis, a Vietnam Veteran, has a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Music Education and served as a teacher in the Mentor School system for many years. He also served the parish as the first Council President and Choir Director. Dennis is also a tonsured Reader and now makes his living as an Iconographer. His icons hang in churches across the United States and overseas.

THE PLAIN DEALER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1973

Orthodox parish may form in Lake

Possible formation of an Eastern Orthodox parish in Lake County will be discussed at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at the First Church (Congregational) in Painesville.

The meeting was called by Dennis G. Bell, a member of the Orthodox Church who recently moved to Mentor.

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1973

Want to form a church?

Persons interested in forming an Eastern Orthodox church in Lake County will meet Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the First Congregational Church in Painesville. For further information call 352-0194.

THE NEWS-HERALD

His Goal: A New Church

By KAREN HENDERSON

A music teacher at Shore Junior High in Mentor is attempting to establish Lake County's first Eastern Orthodox Church.

Dennis Bell, 1157 Crescent Dr., Painesville, said since he moved to that city a year ago, he has had to commute to Cleveland each Sunday to attend church services.

Bell said he believes there must be other persons of Greek or Russian extraction (his mother was Russian) in the area who are doing the same thing.

So he decided to contact as

many as possible to see if they would be willing to set up a local Church.

"I've had great response," he said.

BELL SAID at least a dozen families in the Painesville, Mentor and Chardon area have contacted him since he began putting up printed posters in store windows.

The Eastern Orthodox Church is especially dominant in Eastern Europe, Western Asia and North Africa.

It originally consisted of four patriarchates (Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem)

which had rejected the authority of the Roman See in 1054.

It since has spread throughout the United States, the Soviet Union, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria, where several autonomous churches have been established.

A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at First Church Congregational, Mentor Avenue and Liberty Street, Painesville, for persons who want to know how to establish the church here.

Bell said priests from several groups will be present. The meeting will be open to

anyone interested in the movement.

"The Syrian Archdiocese, Russian Orthodox Church and Greek Orthodox Archdiocese have all offered to sponsor a new church here," Bell noted.

"We will probably rent another sanctuary to meet Sundays until we can afford to build a church," he said.

Bell moved here a year ago from the Warren-Youngstown area, where he said there are many Eastern Orthodox Churches.

Anyone interested in more information can call him at 352-0194.

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