

ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY NEWS

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Prologue

Fourth of July Celebration! If you will be in town, and come to the liturgy on 1 July, please join us for the St. Nicholas Cathedral traditional "cook-out" lunch celebrating the 4th of July on the 1st!

The lunch is being sponsored by the St. Nicholas Cathedral Veterans Guild. **HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!!**

We are blessed with beautiful children who attend services at the Cathedral. Our children are full of energy and with long services, during which most do their best, they need outlets to behave like kids. Let us all help them learn to do it with respect. Children deserve patience and loving limits, we need to give them both.

PLEASE parents, if you let your children out of your sight make sure they are in a place that has dedicated adult supervision.

The gardens are progressing thanks to a generous donation from Donya Platoff, fund-raising activities of the Guild and the tireless fund-raising by the Guild and the tireless efforts of our gardener and volunteer. Don't let all of this be spoiled by a careless, if unintentional, moment.



PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Limits are best defined with good alternatives. Share your ideas for appropriate safe games/toys for the children. We would prefer the children be properly supervised, amused and sufficiently entertained that they look forward to coming to church.

We are looking for an adult volunteer to take on the role of coordinator of this program. Also, on the gardens, our gardener receives the most compliments from the triangle herb and flower bed between the church and the annex. Emily (Eugenia) Murphy maintains this area and does a fantastic job!"

We thank all of our green thumbs for the loving work they do to maintain the grounds.

PASSAGES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MANY YEARS!

- 02 Valerie Klassen
- 03 Joan Kondratick
- 04 Matushka Olga Meerson
Ksenia Danylevich
- 05 Irina Panyutin
Elena Koteneva
- 08 Maria Manley
- 10 Paulette Marko
- 11 Richard Elieff
- 12 Eugenia Chavchavadze
Andrea Lutov
- 13 Gennady Platoff Jr.
- 16 Fr. Vladimir Danylevich
- 17 Phoebe Felk
- 18 Kenneth Harrington
- 19 Christopher Rowe
- 21 Edwin Leo Weatherly
- 23 Irina Popova-Nowak
- 30 Lucy Winsky



SICK LEAVE - Dee Krisa (hospital early June)

ON THE MEND - Abbess Aemiliane (leg surgery), Fr. Denis Bradley (cataract surgery), Judy Foland (stomach surgery)



To **Father Valery** on being awarded a gold cross by the Metropolitan in recognition of all the work Father has done on behalf of his parishioners.

Many Years to **Fr. Denis** on his retirement from teaching at Georgetown University

Congratulations to **Michael Zachariades** on his elevation to subdeacon

Baptisms:

June 1 **Saba Giorgi Germanidze**

June 3 **Gabriel Spac**

June 16 **Andrew Kahn**

June 24 **Peter Elliot Petrov**



Wedding Bells

July 7 at 2pm St. Nicholas Cathedral
Jehan Abdel-Gawad and Seth Chase

The happy couple invites everyone to share this blessed event with them.

OOPS! HAPPY BELATED FATHER'S DAY

We thank all of your for everything you do for your family!

Our Former Choir Director was Tonsured, Ordained and Graduated from Seminary!



What a joy it was to see our former choir director, Fr. Konstantin (formerly Sbdn. Ken Kasovac), ordained to the diaconate and graduate with a Master of Divinity from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 26, 2012, during the 108th Annual Memorial Day pilgrimage. Earlier in the week, at Vigil for the Feast Day of Sts. Constantine and Helen, he was tonsured a riassaphore and received his new name. For three years, Fr. Konstantin has been living as a novice at St. Tikhon's Monastery and attending the seminary.

Metropolitan Jonah presided at his ordination during a Hierarchical Liturgy along with several bishops, Abbot Sergius of St. Tikhon's Monastery, and several priests and deacons, including our own Protodeacon Blagoje. Fr. Konstantin wore Serbian vestments and the choir sang the ordination hymns in Serbian in honor of his heritage. His first litany of prayers as a hierodeacon was in Slavonic. It was a special blessing to hear his wonderful tenor voice praying the litanies after his ordination and at the following Sunday morning Liturgy. He is also learning to master the censer! Fr. Konstantin celebrated with his parents, twin sister, nephew and members

of St. Nicholas choir. It was a time to see old friends and meet new ones. We walked through the cemetery and found the grave of our beloved Polo Manchuk and other dear ones, and enjoyed a walk through the woods lined with several large mosaic icons to the springhouse where we filled some bottles with holy water. And the great bookstore and fascinating museum filled with many historic treasures of Orthodoxy in America easily occupied a couple of hours of our time.

If you haven't been to St. Tikhon's, please do consider making a pilgrimage there. Or return there again if you have already visited. You can make arrangements with the monastery to stay in a guesthouse or there are motels not too far away. St. Tikhon's is a special place; and now we all have a good friend there who assures us he is praying for us.

May God grant Fr. Konstantin Many Years! Axios, Axios, Axios!



Fr. Konstantin's first time holding the Chalice.

Bazaar is October 13 & 14



OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH THE FALL BAZAAR

Planning a birthday party or a picnic this summer? Please consider donating the "left over" table cloth or balloons for the fall bazaar. Contact ElenaPanomarenko (alyona540@yahoo.com) for details.

P.S. We prefer the red check pattern on the table cloth and multi-color balloons!

MEET THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE

Natalia Caryl

Paul Moser

Elena Panomarenko

Irina Panyutin

Marina Shemchuk

Mark Pietrzykoski

Andrea Lutov

Lana Gerch

Suzanne Tolstoy

Irina Knyazev

Svetlana Watanabe

Michele Smith

St. Andrew's Camp 2012

Saint Andrew's Camp was founded in 1954 by a small group of Orthodox Christians who felt it necessary to have Pan Orthodox educational centers for youth. Since its first session in 1957, Saint Andrew's Camp has served thousands of campers.

The camp is owned & operated by **The Orthodox Charitable and Educational Foundation (OCEF)**, a non-profit organization incorporated in New York.

Hurry, hurry you may still attend camp in Upstate New York, find the registration and contact information at <http://www.standrewscamp.com>.

Week 1 July 8 - July 14

Week 2 July 15 - July 21

Music Week with Basil Kozak

Week 3 July 22 - July 28

Ecology Week with Tara and Gary Paxton

Week 4 July 29 - Aug 4

Horse Week with Tasha Federinko

Teen Week with Fr James Worthington

Daily Life at an Orthodox Camp

CHAPEL & WORSHIP

- Daily morning and evening prayers in Chapel
- Liturgy served during week and on Sundays

- Celebration of feasts (Transfiguration and Dormition, with the blessing of fruit and flowers)
- Liturgical singing and instruction by music professionals

FELLOWSHIP

- Bonfires
- Cookouts
- Family-style meals
- All age groups and generations join the camp community

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Daily Christian life sessions with visiting clergy, hierarchs and experienced teachers
- Age-appropriate and tailored religious education
- Bible study

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

- Scavenger Hunts - Volleyball
- Time Capsules - Softball
- Olympics - Football
- Water activity - Relaxation
- Archery - Aerobics
- Capture the Flag – Skits
- Lakefront Swimming

St. Andrews Camp Century Ride! A bike-a-thon sponsoring St. Andrew's Camp is scheduled for August 18th. Find out more on the ***bike-a-thon webpage***.

MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS Clinton, Massachusetts

Largest Collection of Russian Icons in North America



The Museum of Russian Icons was founded in 2006 as a nonprofit educational institution by Massachusetts industrialist Gordon B. Lankton. Including more than 500 Russian icons and artifacts, the collection is the largest of its kind in North America, and one of the largest private collections outside Russia. Spanning six centuries, the collection includes important historical paintings dating from the earliest periods of icon "writing" to the present.

The oldest icon is the Saint John the Baptist icon dated 1450. There are also objects such as reliquary crosses that date back to the 10th-12th centuries.

The Center for Icon Studies (CIS) at the Museum of Russian Icons promotes the continuing study of all aspects of sacred icons. While the main focus of the Museum is Russian icons, CIS takes a broader perspective. It is interested in the origin and development of icons from the Byzantine period to the modern era and around the globe

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Why We.....

The **Royal Doors, Holy Doors, or Beautiful Gates** are the central doors of the iconostasis in an Eastern Orthodox Church.

In Orthodox Churches, the sanctuary (the entire space of which is referred to as the "altar" among Eastern Christians) is separated from the nave by a wooden screen called the iconostasis. The iconostasis represents Christian continuity from the veil of the Temple in Jerusalem which separated the people from the Holy of Holies that housed the Ark of the Covenant. Normally, the iconostasis has three doors in it. The two single doors to the right and left are called "deacons' doors" or "angel doors" and they usually have on them icons of either sainted deacons (Saint Stephen, Saint Lawrence, etc.) or the Archangels Michael and Gabriel. These are the doors that the clergy will normally use when entering the altar. The central double doors are the "Holy Doors" (Slavonic: Svyatya Vratá), which are considered to be most sacred, and may only be entered at certain sacred moments during the services, and only by ordained clergy (deacons, priests, bishops and on occasion ordained subdeacons).



SACRED PRESENCE ICONOGRAPHY COURSES FOR

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED:

GAITHERSBURG, MD - JULY 7 TO 21

If you wish to build upon lessons you have already received or to perfect your technique, then this series is ideal for you. To learn more **call (301) 977-7297**

Class is taught by Colette Kalvesmaki

**2012 SACRED MUSIC INSTITUTE:
ANTIOCHIAN VILLIAGE, BOLIVAR, PA -
JULY 25 TO 29**

This year's Sacred Music Institute **theme** will be the "*Hymns of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ*", with a special track for a new Youth Music Ministry Program.

For more information:

<http://www.antiochian.org/img assist/popup/27838>

Entrance of the Theotokos Monastery Newsletter

Enter into their daily life and stay updated with the happenings and events of the monastery with this publication, the friends' website <http://entranceofthetheotokos.org> and facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/EntranceMonastery!>





REACHING OUT TO INCOMING FIRST-YEAR
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS
AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA.

During the first 40 days of the 2012 fall semester, local OCF student leaders and chaplains will attempt to make personal contact with all new incoming students. They will be given information regarding the OCF chapter on their respective campuses and nearby Orthodox parishes. The intent of this program is to foster a personal connection with students so that young college students will stay connected to Christ and His Church during their years in post-secondary education.

For further information, please contact
Christina Andresen, OCF Chapter Relations
Coordinator, at 617-850-1227.



Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery

August 25-26, 2012 marks a milestone in the history of Orthodox Christian monastic spirituality in North America.

This national celebration of Orthodox monasticism will be marked by a threefold commemoration – the 35th anniversary of the founding of Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery in Otego, NY; the 40th anniversary of the monastic profession of its Abbess, Mother Raphaela; and the 50th Anniversary of one of its nuns, Mother Michaela, to the monastic tonsure.

GRADUATES TO BE HONORED SUNDAY 1 JULY

St. Nicholas Cathedral will recognize our 2012 Elementary, Middle and High School and College Graduates on July 1 at the single 9AM Liturgy.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!!!!

Ivan Plis, Georgetown University
Rachel Cowgill, Graduated from Wakefield Attending Georgia Tech in the Fall
Ilya Zhitomirskiy, Walter Johnson High School. Plan for future: to attend Catholic University
Katrina Braun, Georgetown University BA with a double major in Government and Psychology
Gina (Evgeniya) Knyazev. University of Cincinnati with a Master of Science degree in Criminology
Andrew Boyd, who is graduating from St. Vladimir's Seminary with a Masters in Divinity
Jason Thomas, Ph.D. program at George Washington University
Suzanna Novitskaya, Loyola University of Chicago, with honor- two majors: Economics and Accounting
Mikhail Arsentev, George Washington University with Masters Degree in Law
Marina Kiseleva, Briar Woods High School Plans for future: She will attend Virginia Tech.
Timothy Christian Caryl, the accelerated program for gifted children at Bethesda Elementary school (5th grader).

The Basement Renovation Report

The committee consisting of Michele Smith, Irina Panyutin, George Nartsissov, Barbara Rhenish, Suzanne Tolstoy, and Mark Pietrzykoski, recommends that the Parish Council select MTFA Architecture as the architectural and engineering firm for the remodel of the Cathedral's basement. The committee makes this recommendation after a unanimous vote for MTFA, following a two month selection process.

Based on their combined scores, two firms were invited to interviews with the Basement Renovation Committee - MTFA Architecture, Inc. and Studio Crowley Hall.

Both firms were given copies of questions in advance of the interviews, which were held between May 30-June 4, and additional follow-up questions were posed during the meeting.

Following these interviews, the committee members discussed both firms and unanimously voted to recommend that the Parish Council approve the selection of MTFA.

Rationale for Selection

MTFA has the most experience working with churches on similar renovation projects in Washington D.C. MTFA has completed more than 300 projects with churches.

MTFA demonstrated a thorough and proven process of working with multiple stakeholders in parishes to determine programming priorities and design objectives.

MTFA demonstrated extensive experience in working to have reasonable renovation plans approved by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), the government agency in Washington D.C. that will review the basement renovation designs and issue permits.

Of the 300 projects for which MTFA has served as the design firm, they have managed the permitting process for more than 40.

MTFA included a professional kitchen designer as part of their team in their proposal, whereas Crowley Hall included a General Contractor with no experience in commercial kitchen design.

MTFA is highly recommended by St. Alban's Episcopal Church, particularly by the chairperson of the building renovation committee, himself an architect who has since widely referred MTFA to other churches in Washington D.C.

MTFA's design fees (initially estimated at \$29,100) were slightly higher, but still comparable to the second-best proposing firm's fees (which were estimated to be \$21,500).

MTFA's proposed timeline (10 months beginning in June 2012) was slightly shorter, but comparable to the second-best proposing firm (that proposed a 10.25 month timeline)

Next Steps

Should the Parish Council vote to adopt the Basement Renovation Committee's recommendation to select MTFA Architecture, a series of steps need to be taken to ensure the timely completion of this project.

1) Execute a design-build contract with MTFA Architecture. This contract would engage MTFA to perform the following tasks: conduct a prioritization and visioning session to confirm the programming elements of the basement remodel; create an existing building conditions investigation and report; develop schematic designs for the remodel; assist the parish in selecting a construction firm and developing a final cost estimate; create design development and construction documents, obtain DCRA permits; and assist the parish in selecting a general contractor. To keep the remodeling process on track, this contract needs to be executed in June.

2) Select a group of stakeholders to participate in an evening programming/visioning session with MTFA during the week of June 25th. This group should consist of no more than 18 parish members – including the Basement Renovation Committee members - who will participate in an evening workshop to establish the design objectives and implementation priorities for the project. It is important to include parish members who may have alternate views or concerns about this project.

3) Vote to hold a Special Parish Meeting to discuss raising additional funds for the project. All firms that submitted a proposal noted that the current budget for the project will not allow for both reasonable mechanical and structural improvements AND a significant remodel of the kitchen and common areas of the basement. The two firms interviewed did indicate, however, that a budget of \$400,000 to \$500,000 would allow for significant improvements to be made both structurally/mechanically and upgrades to the kitchen.

The Basement Renovation Committee therefore requests that the Parish Council convene a Special Parish Meeting to raise an additional \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the project. This meeting could be held as early as the week of July 23rd, after MTFA has concluded the visioning/prioritization process and will be able to describe to the parish the additional design elements additional funds would result in.



CHURCH BURNOUT

www. OCA.org

By Archpriest John Jillions (excerpts)

In my job as chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, I see plenty of alienated, burnt out believers—clergy and laity—who have had to endure too many years of church fights and disappointments.

In every case when someone turns the corner and discovers new life in the church, it is because they have decided that God still dwells here.

Even the saints sometimes have trouble getting along. St Paul and St Barnabas had to split up their mission and go in different directions.

There are always plenty of legitimate reasons that a faithful Christian would just get tired of the mess, throw up his hands and walk away.

Burnout may be what the classic spiritual writers call “acedia,” despondency, despair, restlessness, no longer caring about anything or anyone, feeling nothing during prayer, not wanting to pray, a sense of hopelessness, that there is no purpose in our life and no way out.

It is guaranteed that we will face situations in church that will push all our burnout buttons. The question is, will we be a torchbearer or a burned-out leaver? Maybe we’ll be both, leaving for a time, and then coming back after discovering—or rediscovering—that there is a lot more in the life of the church than meets the eye. “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).

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JULY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, July 1	
Divine Liturgy	9 am
Saturday, July 7	
Vigil (E,S,G)	5pm
Sunday, July 8	
Divine Liturgy (E)	9 am
Divine Liturgy (S)	10:45am
Thursday, July 12	
<i>St. Peter and Paul</i>	
Divine Liturgy (S,OC)	10am
Saturday, July 14	
Vigil (E,S,G)	5pm
Sunday, July 15	
<i>St. Vladimir</i>	
Divine Liturgy (E)	9am
Divine Liturgy (S)	10:45am
Tuesday, July 17	
<i>Holy Royal Martyrs</i>	
Divine Liturgy (E,S)	10am
Wednesday, July 18	
Divine Liturgy (E,S)	10am
Saturday, July 21	
Divine Liturgy (E,S)	10am
Vigil (E,S,G)	5pm

Sunday, July 22	
Divine Liturgy (E)	9am
Divine Liturgy (S)	10:45am

Tuesday, July 24

<i>St. Olga</i>	
Divine Liturgy (S,OC)	10am

Saturday, July 28

<i>St. Vladimir</i>	
Divine Liturgy (S,OC)	10am
Vigil (E,S,G)	5pm

Sunday, July 29

Divine Liturgy (E)	9am
Divine Liturgy (S)	10:45am



Vladimir, born c. 956, Kiev, died July 15, 1015, first Christian ruler in ***Kievan Rus***. With him the Varangian period of Eastern Slavic history ceases and the Christian period begins.



Flowers sent from St. Nicholas for Fr. Konstantine's Ordination



Ordination



Fourth of July's Past



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!!!
God Bless Our Troops
and Veterans!

