

September 7, 2008 – 12th Sun. after Pentecost. Tone 3. Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross. Martyr Sozon of Cilicia (ca. 304). St. John, Archbishop and Wonderworker of Novgorod (1186). Ven. Serapion of Spaso-Eleazar Monastery (1481). Martyrdom of St. Makary, Archimandrite of Kanev (1678). Apostles Evodia and Onesiphorus of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Euphychius of Caesarea in Cappadocia (2nd c.). Ven. Luke, Abbot, near Constantinople (10th c.). Ven. Cloud, Abbot, founder of Nogent-sur-Seine near Paris. **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. **Gospel:** Matthew 19:16-26.

Next Sunday, September 14 – 13th Sun. after Pentecost. Tone 4. Feast of the Elevation of the Cross. Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:18-24. **Gospel:** John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF September 7, 2008

TODAY

11:15 AM Special Parish Meeting & Church School
5:00 PM Nativity of the Theotokos Vigil

MONDAY

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: Nativity (Birth) of the Theotokos
1:00 PM Sisterhood Luncheon (at Leo's Ristorante, Howland)

TUESDAY

6:00 PM Vespers

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Cleveland Deanery (at St. Michael's, Broadview Hghts.)

FRIDAY

4-7:00 PM Fish Dinner

SATURDAY

6:00 PM Vigil of the Cross

SUNDAY (September 14)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: Elevation of the Cross
11:15 AM Church School & Adult Class
5:00 PM Teen Group (at Church)

Offerings: 08-31-08: \$1,562.00; Attendance: 08-31-08: 100; Candle Commemorations: 09-07-08: Theotokos: blessed memory of Anthony and Ann Stanko. Altar: blessed memory of Louis Gyurek. Christ: blessed memory of Nick Lazarevich.

Please pray for the following: Albert DiGiacobbe (Fred's brother); **Mike Haley** (back at Shepherd of the Valley, Niles)

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sept. 14 **Feast of the Elevation of the Cross; Teen Group** (at 5:00 PM)
- Sept. 23 **Feast of the Conception of St. John the Baptist**
- Oct. 6-7 **Midwest Diocese Diocesan Assembly** (South Chicago)
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Path to Salvation Class: the Tuesday evening class will begin the study of the *Epistle of St. Jude* on September 23. All are invited and encouraged to join the class which begins about 6:30 PM following Vespers.



ADULT CLASS AFTER SUNDAY LITURGY: Church School is for everyone; as the children join their classes, parents and adults have one too! Come into the Hall after Liturgy, enjoy some refreshments, and participate in the study of our Faith and Practice.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEONS RESUME!!!

All ladies of the parish are invited to a **Sisterhood luncheon** on **September 8** at **Leo's Ristorante** (in Howland) **beginning at 1:00 PM**. Come and enjoy good food and fine company pursuing godly work in the Church.



Fish Dinners resume September 12. All help is needed and welcome. About 25-30 desserts are needed for each Dinner. See Barb McKenzie for more details.

TEEN GROUP – meets at 5:00 PM on Sunday, Sept. 14

All teens of the Parish (those who will be 13 by Dec. 31 to 19 yr.-olds) are invited to join together next Sunday evening for dinner, discussion, and plans!!!

CONGRATULATIONS VADIM AND THANK YOU!

Today following Liturgy we recognize the 25 years of service of our Choir Director Vadim Stehnach who reached this milestone last month. We thank God for Vadim as he continues to lead the parish in our praises of the Holy Trinity. May God grant him many more years of prosperity, peace, health, and salvation.

Interested in a Pilates (pih-LAH-tees)/Yoga Exercise Class? - contact Fr. Jonathan ASAP if you would like to participate in a class here at Church.

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 PM (not on the 9th).

Pilgrimage at the Monastery of St. John the Theologian (in Hiram):

- **Vigil Service – Thursday, September 25, at 6:00 PM**
- **Divine Liturgy – Friday, September 26, at 10:00 AM** (Hours at 9:30)
- **A luncheon will follow Divine Liturgy.**

A Weekend with Father Peter Gillquist in Lorain, OH (September 20-21):

Fr. Peter is an Archpriest in the Antiochian Archdiocese and the chairman of their Department of Missions and Evangelism. An author of numerous published books, Fr. Peter has witnessed the Orthodox Faith to thousands through his personal experience of converting to the Orthodox Church.

Saturday, Sept. 20 – St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, 12:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 21 – Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church (OCA), 9:30 AM
For more info: call 440-277-5821 (see the flyer on the bulletin board)

Parish Dinner, September 21, following Church School (to celebrate Fr. Jonathan's installation as Parish Priest); **Menu:** Chicken, Rigatone and meatballs, potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread, and a cake. **Please come and enjoy this time together as a Parish community.**



Classic Literature Reading Group

Current Book: *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, by Harriet Beecher Stowe
at Borders Café (Hwy. 46 near the Eastwood Mall)
every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to Noon
The group is facilitated by Fr. Jonathan.

News and Events

OCA Holy Synod of Bishops grants retirement to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman

Posted 09/04

SYOSSET, NY [OCA Communications] -- The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting at the OCA Chancery in Oyster Bay Cove, NY, on Thursday, September 4, 2008, issued the following statement.

“On September 4, 2008, The Holy Synod of Bishops received a letter from His Beatitude, Metropolitan HERMAN. In this letter, His Beatitude asks for Retirement, effective immediately, 'in the best interests of The Orthodox Church in America, and taking into consideration the current condition of my health.'

“Effective this date, The Holy Synod of Bishops grants His Beatitude's request to retire from the Office of Metropolitan of All America and Canada of the Orthodox Church in

America.

“The Holy Synod of Bishops resolves that, in retirement, the title will be ‘Former Archbishop of Washington and New York, Metropolitan of All America and Canada.’

“The Holy Synod of Bishops expresses to His Beatitude, Metropolitan HERMAN, their fraternal love and gratitude for his primatial service and archpastoral labors.

“The Holy Synod of Bishops resolves that His Eminence, DMITRI, Archbishop of Dallas and the South, be *Locum tenens* of The Orthodox Church in America. In liturgical commemorations, in the Litanies, he is to be commemorated in this manner: 'For His Eminence, Archbishop DMITRI, for His Grace, our Bishop [N]...' At the Great Entrance and at 'Among the first...', he is to be commemorated in this manner: 'His Eminence, DMITRI, Archbishop of Dallas and the South, *Locum tenens* of the Metropolitan See...'”

N.B. *Locum tenens* is a Latin phrase meaning “one who holds a place” temporarily; since the retirement of Met. Herman leaves the office of Metropolitan vacant, Archbishop Dimitri has been chosen to hold that office until a permanent candidate is selected as Metropolitan at the upcoming All-American Council in November, 2008.

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From *The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America*:

Article IV The Metropolitan

SEC. 1: *The Metropolitan*

Among the bishops of the Church, the Metropolitan enjoys primacy, being the first among equals. He is the diocesan bishop of one of the dioceses of the Church and bears the title, “Metropolitan of All-America and Canada.” He supervises the internal and external welfare of the Church and represents it in its relations with other Orthodox Churches, religious organizations and secular authorities. The Metropolitan’s name is mentioned during liturgical services by the other bishops of the Church. The Metropolitan mentions the names of the other heads of autocephalous (“self-governing”) Orthodox Churches.

N.B. The term *Metropolitan* originally referred to the bishop of a *metropolis*, or chief city within the civil organization of the Roman Empire. The Church adopted that civil organization as convenient for good order.