

Church in America as you travel through the troubled waters which our Lord has given to you to navigate. It is our prayer that these storms and turbulent waters will subside in a manner which brings honor to our Lord, Jesus Christ and His Holy Church.

When you visited us four years ago in Atlanta for our All-American Council we were blessed to hear your teaching on mission as related to the work being accomplished here in North America. You said, "Orthodox mission must be both internal and external" and that "the Holy Spirit guides us in understanding that our mission is about who we are and what we do, thus necessitating that we ourselves become examples of holiness." I remind Your Beatitude on this day of your own words because the challenges facing the Orthodox Church today are very much challenges of mission, of how we represent ourselves to a world which knows neither the Orthodox Church nor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that all Orthodox hear your call to be that example of holiness to each other and to the world.

We ask Your Beatitude for your holy prayers, and assure You of our prayers for You and all the Orthodox faithful of the Church in Ukraine.

With love in the Lord,

Your brother and concelebrant,

+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Whoever prays for those who hurt him lays the demons low; but he who opposes his affronter is bound to the demons.
(St. Mark the Ascetic, Homilies, 1.45)

In all of our deeds God looks at the intention, whether we do it for His sake, or for the sake of some other intention.
(St. Maximus the Confessor, Chapters on Love, 2:36)

If at some time you show mercy to someone, mercy will be shown to you.

If you show compassion to one who is suffering (and of course, this is not a great deed) you will be numbered among the martyrs.

If you forgive one who has insulted you, then not only will all your sins be forgiven, but you will be a child of the Heavenly Father.

If you pray from all your heart for salvation - even a little - you will be saved.

If you rebuke yourself, accuse yourself, and judge yourself before God for your sins, with a sensitive conscience, even for this you will be justified.

If you are sorrowful for your sins, or you weep, or sigh, your sigh will not be hidden from Him and, as St. John Chrysostom says, "If you only lament for your sins, then He will receive this for your salvation."

(St. Moses of Optina)

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today CGS for all ages.

+Thank you for all your prayers as we traveled to the OCAMPR Conference in Sommerset NJ. The conference was good and brought us a fresh look at how these disciplines interact in coming from an Orthodox view point. Dr. Katya Hill and I presented on How to understand what to do when someone you know is having difficulty speaking and to engage those in the Church who can speak to learn and become aware of each others needs, to literally bear one another's burdens This is done through prayer and acceptance of this special persons role in our Holy Community.

This Week >>>

Monday, November 12th -LAS Meeting – Crossroads Restaurant, Edinboro 11am

Wednesday, Nov. 14th - Parish Council Meeting 6pm

Thursday, November 15th - Orthodoxy On Tap- Voodoo Brewery Meadville, PA 7pm

Saturday, Nov. 17th - Parish Ministry Meeting - 10-12noon

FEAST DAY - Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple:
Tuesday, November 20th – Great Vespers with Lytia – 6pm
Wednesday, November 21st – Divine Liturgy - 9:30am

Wednesday, November 28th – Akathist - 6pm

Friday, November 30th - Missions Team Meeting

Sunday Dec. 2nd – St. Nicolas Party

Sunday, December 9th – Bake Sale

Friday, December 14, Fr. Mark Leasure from St. George in Taylor, PA will be bringing the Miraculous Myrrh-Streaming icon of the *Kardiotissa* to St Nicholas in Erie. A Moleben to the Mother of God will be served at 6:00 PM. Following the Moleben, Fr. Mark will give a presentation on the icon and then all in attendance will be able to venerate the icon and be anointed with the Holy Myrrh.

Sunday, December 16th – CGS Nativity Party

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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Archpriest Fr. Daniel Mathewson – *Rector*

V. Rev. David Smoley – *Retired*

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Martyrs Menas of Egypt (304), Victor at Damascus (2nd c.) and Vincent of Spain (204). Martyr Stephanida (Stepanida, Stephanie) of Damascus (2nd c.). Ven. Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion (826). Repose of Bl. Maxim, Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker in Moscow (1434). Ven. Martýrii, Abbot of Zelénsk (Pskov—1603). Repose of Saint Stephen Dečani of Serbia. Saint Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (397).

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those in need –Fr. Andrew, Fr. David, Fr. Anthony, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Pearl, William, Karen, John, Mary, Stavros, Theona, Ann, Timothy, Theresa, Judy, Genevieve, Delani, Jeremiah, LiamThe Homebound..., Tanya, Richard, Helen, Ruth, Josephine, William, Claudia... Travelers. ... Newly Illumined Charlotte Catechumens – Grace and Christian ...Our Missionaries Abroad...Fr. David and Mt. Rozanne, Military servers...Greg ...Newly Departed – Marilyn Filipos, Irene Hoovler, Catherine Kirzmanich John B., John S., ...Departed Orthodox Nickoli Emelianow Ann, Katherine, Vernon, Paul, James, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy... Special requests... Anthony, Ian, Paul, Daleen, Penni, James, Sean, Liam, Susan, James, Joel, Jen, Roger, Jasmine, Cassandra, Raquel, Zera Kim, Jim, Margaret, Loren, Nick,

Today's Hymns Tone 7 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (*for the Martyrs*)

Thy holy martyrs Menas, Victor, Vincent, and Stephanida, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God.

For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 8 Troparion (Venerable Theodore)
Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, enlightener of the universe and adornment of hierarchs: all-wise Father Theodore, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.//
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)
The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 8 Kontakion (for the Martyrs)
Today the Church honors those who fought the good fight and died for their faith: the victorious Menas, the noble Victor, and the ascetic Vincent. The Church glorifies their divine struggle and cries out with love: “Glory to Thee, O Christ, Lover of mankind!”
Tone 2 Kontakion (Venerable Theodore)
Thine ascetic life, equal to an Angel’s, made thee radiant through thy athlete’s contest; blessed by God, O Theodore, though didst become a companion of the Angels, with whom thou dost unceasingly intercede for us all.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon
The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps 28/29:11)
v: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps 28/29:1)
Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)
v: To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps 91/92:2)

Today’s Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” So he answered and said, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’” And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

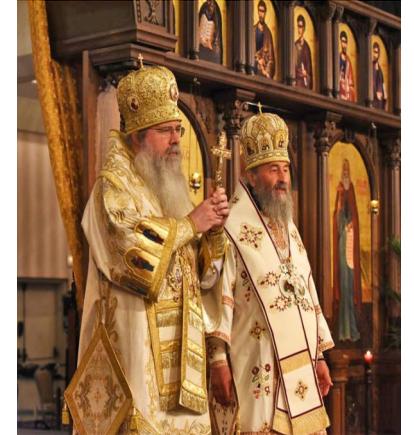
Metropolitan Tikhon sends greetings to Metropolitan Onufry of Kyiv and All Ukraine

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Metropolitan Tikhon and Metropolitan Onufry at 18th All-American Council Liturgy, Atlanta, GA, July 2015.

On November 5, 2018, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, addressed a congratulatory letter to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Onufry of Kyiv and All Ukraine on the occasion of his birthday.

Elected Primate of the **Ukrainian Orthodox Church** in August 2014, Metropolitan Onufry is well remembered by the Orthodox Church in America for his presence at the 18th All-American Council in Atlanta, GA in July 2015, at which he delivered a moving



banquet address highlighting the life and ministry of Saint Tikhon of Moscow during his decade-long tenure in North America. The text of the letter appears below.

Congratulatory Letter of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Onufry of Kyiv and All Ukraine
November 5, 2018

Your Beatitude,

Dear Brother in Christ and Concelebrant:

On this, the anniversary of your birth, it is with joy that I sincerely greet Your Beatitude on this special occasion. May your anniversary be filled with peace and good cheer, and may you be granted the blessings of strength and wisdom from our Lord.

I would like to use this occasion to extend to Your Beatitude, and through you, to all the bishops, clergy, monastics and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church under your archpastoral care, the love, support and solidarity of the members of the Holy Synod, Clergy, Monastics and faithful of the Orthodox