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BULLETIN OF FEBRUARY 3, 2013

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
35th Sunday of Pentecost
 8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
 5:00p.m. Bible Study
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

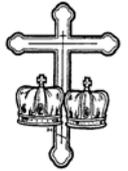
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A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors. We are very pleased to have you with us today! Please consider staying after the service for fellowship at our coffee hour in the hall.

Congratulations!

to Vladimir and Olga Bozic, who were married last Sunday at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Washington DC. We rejoice with them and ask the Lord's continued blessings upon them! Many blessed years!



New Photos

From last weekend's March For Life, the Enthronement of Met. Tikhon, and the Marriage of Vladimir and Olga have been posted to our website. Check them out!

Important Work Project: Feb. 4th-15th

We will be fixing the leak into the church from the wall next to the courtyard. Please consider offering your labor and/or making a donation to cover the expense of this very necessary project. Please earmark your donation for "Renovation" or "Building Fund". Thank you very much for your help!



On Hatred of Sin

"Who hated sin more than the saints? But they did not hate the sinners at the same time, nor condemn them, nor turn away from them. But they suffered with them, admonished them, comforted them, gave them remedies as sickly members, and did all they could to heal them."

St. Dorotheos of Gaza



The 2013 Annual Meeting

If you missed the important Annual Meeting of the parish body, please pickup and review the packet of reports in the back of the church. A sincere "Thank You!" is offered to all who attended.

The "Souper" Bowl of Caring

is an IOCC sponsored event designed to help local food banks and charities. Today, Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd, each parishioner is asked to bring a can of food (or more) for our local food pantry, and \$1.00 (or more) for our local pregnancy aid center.



READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 10th
 Jodi McElwee
Sunday, Feb. 17th
 Gabriela Jones



Have Something on Your Mind?

Feel free to talk to your priest. Fr. John can be reached any time: 302-537-6055 or frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org.

Volunteers Needed!

Altar servers and ushers are needed to properly offer the divine services to the Lord. We are in need to volunteers. Please see Fr. John.

Living: Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Wallace & Michelle, John Trax, Maleah Morsey, Victoria Kokkinos, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Jane Koshutko, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Bruce Eckerd, Stella, Ari, Nedelina, Liliana, Nada and child, Jess and child, Irene Clenney, **Departed:** Fr. Michael Mihalick, Kathryn, Avramia.

| CASH FLOWS | | | | | | | | | FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT | | |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------|------------|-------------------------------|---------|------------|
| OPERATING THRU 12/31/12 | | | RENOVATION THRU 12/31/12 | | | JANUARY OPERATING | | | ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 2/3/13 | | |
| Income | Expense | Net | Income | Expense | Net | Income | Goal | Difference | Checking | Overdue | Due 2/2014 |
| 69,126 | 59,676 | +9,450 | 73,436 | 95,780 | -22,344 | 4,678 | 4,858 | -180 | +229 | 0 | -29,725 |



METROPOLITAN TIKHON ENTHRONED AT ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL IN WASHINGTON DC

From OCA.org

WASHINGTON, DC [OCA] On Sunday, January 27, 2013, His Beatitude, the Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, was enthroned at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC.

In attendance at the Enthronement were members of the Orthodox Church in America's Holy Synod of Bishops: His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel; His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon; His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin; His Eminence, Archbishop Alejo; His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek; His Grace, Bishop Michael; His Grace, Bishop Alexander; His Grace, Bishop Irineu; His Grace, Bishop Mark; and His Grace, Bishop Irinee.

Among the guest hierarchs and clergy representing sister Orthodox Churches were His Eminence, Archbishop Justinian of Naro-Fominsk, who represented His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia; His Eminence, Archbishop Dimitri, Metropolitan of Batumi and Lazeti, North America and Canada, who represented His Holiness and Beatitude, Catholicos Patriarch Ilia of All Georgia; His Grace, Bishop Nicholas of Brooklyn, who represented His Eminence, Metropolitan Philip of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America; His Grace, Bishop George of Mayfield, who represented His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia; and Archpriest Aleksa Michich, who represented His Holiness, Patriarch Irinej of Serbia and His Eminence, Archbishop Mitrophan.

Among the other guests in attendance were the Rev. Hovsep Karapetyan, who represented His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Armenian Orthodox Church in America; the Very Rev. Daniel Buda, Church and Ecumenical Relations Officer, who represented the World Council

of Churches; the Rev. Avelino Gonzalez, Ecumenical Officer of the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, who represented His Eminence, Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington; the Honorable Christopher Smith, US Representative from the State of New Jersey and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Dr. John Shultz, Immediate Past President of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America; and others. Officers of the Orthodox Church in America—Archpriests John Jillions and Eric G. Tosi, Chancellor and Secretary respectively, and Ms. Melanie Ringa, Treasurer—and Archpriest Leonid Kishkovsky, Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations, also were present, together with dozens of clergy and faithful from the region and beyond, representing the OCA's dioceses, seminaries, monasteries, and parishes. Members of Metropolitan Tikhon's family also were in attendance.

"Special recognition is due the local committee and the members of Saint Nicholas Cathedral, especially Archpriest John Perich, Interim Dean, for their hard work and gracious hospitality," said Father Tosi. "Their ongoing dedication to the Orthodox Church in America was evident throughout the weekend."

The committee, chaired by Marina Poutiatine, was responsible for arranging a myriad of details related to the celebration, including the special Enthronement Choir which sang under the direction of Prof. David Drillock, Chair of the OCA Department of Liturgical Music and Translations.

On behalf of the clergy and faithful of the cathedral community, Father Perich presented relics of three French saints—Vincent of Lerins, Dionysius of Paris, and Martin of Tours—to Metropolitan Tikhon, who wore the mantiya in which the former North American bishop and archbishop, Saint Pa-

triarch Tikhon, was cloaked upon his election and enthronement as Patriarch of Moscow in November 1917.

Numerous gifts were presented to Metropolitan Tikhon at the conclusion of the Installation Divine Liturgy. On behalf of Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, Archbishop Justinian presented Metropolitan Tikhon with an icon and relics of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk. "Today, all the plenitude of the Russian Orthodox Church prays for, empathizes, and rejoices in the Lord with its beloved sister, the Orthodox Church in America." In response, Metropolitan Tikhon asked the Archbishop to "convey to His Holiness our mutual love and respect our commitment to preserve those special relationships that are shared between us for many years."

Among the other gifts were a panagia and copy of the Hawaii Iveron Icon of the Mother of God, presented by Bishop George on behalf of ROCOR First Hierarchy, Metropolitan Hilarion, and a hand-

enameled Saint Nina Cross, presented by Archbishop Dimitri on behalf of Catholicos-Patriarch Illia. Additional gifts from the dioceses, institutions, and organizations were presented at the Installation Banquet held in the Diplomat Room of the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

During the Divine Liturgy, an antimension from Valaam Monastery dated 1793—one of two such extant antimensia brought to Alaska by the first missionaries who arrived in Kodiak the following year—was used.

"Our task is to preserve the Tradition and apply it in new ways," said Metropolitan Tikhon during his banquet address, in which he spoke of the unique challenges facing the Church today. [The complete text will be posted on the OCA web site as it is received.]

Metropolitan Tikhon was elected at the 17th All-American Council held in Parma, OH on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

METROPOLITAN TIKHON LEADS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WITNESS AT DC MARCH FOR LIFE

From OCA.org

WASHINGTON, DC [OCA]

Orthodox Christian hierarchs, clergy, seminarians and faithful of all ages joined tens of thousands of pro-lifers from across the nation for the annual March for Life in the US capital on Friday, January 25, 2013. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, led the faithful from the Ellipse to the steps of the Supreme Court in witness to the sanctity of life 40 years and three days after *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion in the United States. Joining Metropolitan Tikhon were His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate; His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West; His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon of Boston, New England and the Albanian Archdiocese; His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, and Locum Tenens of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania; and His Grace, Bishop Michael of New York and New York and New Jersey.

Students from Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA and Saint Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, NY, were among the many Orthodox Christians who sang hymns and carried icons during the March. Metropolitan Tikhon addressed the marchers, who made their way up Constitution Avenue to the US Supreme Court, and offered prayers for the victims of abortion. On the eve of the event, marchers gathered at Saint Nicholas Cathedral for the celebration of Great Vespers and a reception.

"Orthodox Christians have participated in the March for four decades," said Archpriest John Kowalczyk, a pro-life activist and co-founder of the Orthodox presence at the annual gathering. "The presence of our hierarchs, clergy, seminarians, and faithful—especially the youth of our Church—stands as a witness to the sacred gift of life that continues to be challenged in our land."

The March was held on the eve of weekend celebrations marking the Enthronement of Metropolitan Tikhon as the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America January 26-27.

Eternal Word Television Network [EWTN] broadcasted the March live. Check local listings for rebroadcasts. A photo gallery of the March for Life can be viewed on the OCA web site and OCA Facebook page.



THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

From assemblyofbishops.org

Forty years ago the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a decision, known as *Roe v. Wade*, granting a "right" for women of the United States to terminate the lives of their children in the womb. This decision has resulted in some 54 million children's lives ending almost before they began.

The Holy Orthodox Christian Faith is unabashedly pro-life. The Lord Jesus Christ was recognized and worshipped in His mother's womb while yet unborn by the Holy Forerunner who was also still in his mother's womb (Luke 1:44); St. Basil the Great (4th Century), one of the universal teachers of the faith, dared to call murderers those who terminate the life of the fetus. The Church has consistently held that children developing in the womb should be afforded every protection given to those outside the womb. There is no moral, religious or scientific rationale which can justify making a distinction between the humanity of the newly-conceived and that of the newly-born.

Abortion on demand not only ends the life of a child, but also injures the mother of that child, often resulting in spiritual, psychological and physical harm. Christians should bring the comfort of the Gospel to women who have had abortions, that our loving God may heal them. The Orthodox Church calls on her children, and indeed all of society, to provide help to pregnant mothers who need assistance bringing their children safely into the world and providing these children loving homes.

On the occasion of this sorrowful anniversary, and as we mourn the violence we all too often visit upon one another, as exemplified by the recent mass killings in Aurora, Colorado and Newtown, Connecticut, we pray for an end to the violence of abortion. Surely the many ways in which we as a people diminish the reverence and respect for human life underlie much of this violence. The disrespect for human life in the womb is no small part of this. Let us offer to Almighty God our repentance for the evil of abortion on demand and extend our hearts and hands to embrace life.

On the occasion of this 40th Anniversary of "*Roe v. Wade*," we republish the following "Agreed Statement" issued in 1974 by the Orthodox-Roman Catholic Bilateral Consultation in the United States (composed of representatives from the former SCOBA and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops) a statement as timely now as it was then:



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

An Agreed Statement on Respect for Life

We, the members of the Orthodox-Roman Catholic Bilateral Consultation in the United States, after extensive discussions on the sanctity of marriage, feel compelled to make a statement concerning the inviolability of human life in all its forms.

We recognize that human life is a gift of God entrusted to mankind and so feel the necessity of expressing our shared conviction about its sacred character in concrete and active ways. It is true that the Christian community's concern has recently seemed to be selective and disproportionate in this regard, e.g., in the anti-abortion campaign. Too often human life has been threatened or even destroyed, especially during times of war, internal strife, and violence, with little or no protestation from the Christian leadership. Unfortunately, the impression has frequently been given that churchmen are more concerned with establishing the legitimacy of war or capital punishment than with the preservation of human life. We know that this has been a scandal for many, both believers and unbelievers.

We feel constrained at this point in history to affirm that the "right to life" implies a right to a decent life and to full human development, not merely to a marginal existence.

We affirm that the furthering of this goal for the unborn, the mentally handicapped, the aging, and the underprivileged is our duty on a global as well as a domestic scale.

We deplore in particular the U.S. Supreme Court's decision failing to recognize the rights of the unborn—a decision which has led to widespread indiscriminate early abortion.

We affirm our common Christian tradition with regard to the right of the unborn to life.

We acknowledge our responsibility to mediate the love of Christ, especially to the troubled expectant mother, and thus make possible the transmission and nurturing of new life and its fully human development.

We urge our churches and all believers to take a concrete stand on this matter at this time and to exemplify this evangelical imperative in their personal lives and professional decisions.