



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 9, 2011

### Welcome Visitors

We warmly welcome all those who are visiting us today. It is good to have you all with us!

### Special Parish Meeting – Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

Today, Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Special Parish Meeting to consider the purchase of the property at 10315 Carey Road, Berlin, MD 21811. Everyone is encouraged to attend but only those who have completed membership forms will be permitted to vote. Questions, please see Fr. John during the coffee hour.



### Annual Diocesan Assembly/Day – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>

is to be held with on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at St. Luke's Orthodox Church in McClean, VA. A lay delegate is needed to accompany the priest. If you have any interest, please see Fr. John.

### No Class or Services this Saturday

Due to the Diocesan Assembly there will be no class or services this coming Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Sunday services will be as normal.

### Myrrh-streaming Icon to visit St. George's – Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

On Wednesday, October 19, at 6:00pm, the Myrrh-streaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God from Hawaii will visit St. George's in Ocean City. There will be an Akathist (30 minute prayer service), followed by veneration of the icon and anointing with the holy myrrh that miraculously streams from it. All are encouraged to attend!



### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

#### St. Tikhon, Apostle to America

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour  
 Special Parish Meeting

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Diocesan Assembly - McClean, VA  
 No Class or Services

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

#### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour

### READER SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

Bruce Eckerd

#### Sunday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Gabriela Jones



### 2012 Calendars & Pocket Planners

can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are \$5.00 a piece and the pocket planners \$4.00. The order sheet will be in the back of the church for the next month or so.

### Financial Update

A financial summary covering the first three quarters of 2010 can be found on page 3 of this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the summary, please see Fr. John, Michael McFarland, our treasurer, or one of the Parish Council Members.



**Prayer List:** Fr. Michael Mihalick, Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Mat. Lisa, Kelly Elizabeth & child, Bill Parrish, Fazealle, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Jerrie Rife, Wallace & Michelle, Ryan & Kayla, Maleah Morsey, Victoria Kokkinos, Ed Tucker, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Simeon, Scott & Maryann, Roman Szwec, Garrett Cuppels, Jane Koshutko, Nicholas & Linda, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Troy Duker, Mary Miranda, Bruce Eckerd, Stella, Lilly Barnett, Amy F., Nedelina, Henrietta Stack.

OPERATING THRU 9/30/11			OCTOBER OPERATING			BUILDING FUND		
Income	Expense	Net	Income	Goal	Difference	Income	Goal	Difference
38,975	47,591	-8,616	382	5,900	-5,518	19,395	20,000	-605

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## ST TIKHON THE PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW, AND ENLIGHTENER OF NORTH AMERICA

Vassily Ivanovich Belavin was born on January 19, 1865, the son of a priest, near Pskov, Russia. He was destined for the priesthood from an early age and excelled in his studies in school and at the famous St. Petersburg Theological Academy. Upon graduation, he immediately started teaching at a seminary. He was tonsured a monk in 1891, taking the name Tikhon, and was ordained a priest soon after; yet he continued teaching.

In 1897, Father Tikhon was consecrated as Bishop of Liublin, Poland; but within a few months, he was reassigned as Bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska (which included the entire U.S. and Canada). He arrived in New York on December 12, 1898. He was

the only Orthodox bishop on the continent; and his flock was made up of native Americans (Eskimos, Aleuts, and Indians), Russians, Ukrainians, Belorussians, Greeks, Antiochians, Bulgarians, Serbs, Macedonians, Albanians, Galicians, Carpatho-Russians, Romanians, and others, at a time when immigration was at its peak. Bishop Tikhon worked to maintain the unity of all these Orthodox faithful while, at the same time, allowing for ethnic and cultural variations. He used a multitude of languages, and he held services in English at his cathedral as early as 1904. In 1906, he published a translation of the Liturgy and other church services into English. Bishop Tikhon traveled all through North America during his nine years as bishop here. He established many parishes; he opened the first Orthodox seminary in America, in Minneapolis, and he founded the first monastery, in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. He devoted all his efforts to making the Church in America into a local, self-sustaining, autonomous Orthodox Church, not merely an extension of the Russian Church. Bishop Tikhon requested and received help in an auxiliary bishop for Alaska. To assist him in caring for Arabic-speaking immigrants, in 1904, Bishop Tikhon also consecrated the Antiochian Raphael Hawaweeny as Bishop of Brooklyn.



Archbishop Tikhon was transferred to an important diocese back in Russia in 1907. In 1914, he was transferred again, to the diocese of Vilnius, Poland. Just then World War I broke out. Archbishop Tikhon traveled to the front lines and personally cared for sick and wounded soldiers. In 1917, he was elected Metropolitan of Moscow. That same year, the patriarchate was restored and Tikhon was elected as the first Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia in 217 years.

That same year, communist Bolsheviks began terrorizing Russia with gunfire, murdered the Tsar and his family, and began a fierce persecution against the Church. Patriarch Tikhon stood firm in denouncing the Bolsheviks' political abuses and violence, yet he also appealed to the Russian people to obey all legitimate decrees of the new Soviet government – anything that did not violate the Faith. The atheists confiscated churches and melted down chalices, censers, tabernacles, and other precious liturgical items. Through all this, the Patriarch shepherded his persecuted flock. In 1922, the communists placed him under house arrest. He was admitted to a hospital in 1925, suffering from very poor health. There, he was given a lethal dose of morphine “to ease the pain” of his heart attacks. Patriarch Tikhon fell asleep in the Lord on March 25, 1925, at the age of 60. The Russian Orthodox Church proclaimed him a saint in 1989, designating him as “Enlightener of North America and Confessor of Moscow.”

The term “enlightener” refers to his role in evangelizing the American people. In his last sermon in America, St. Tikhon said, “The Light of Orthodoxy is not lit for a small circle of people.... It is our obligation to share our spiritual treasures, our truth, our light, and our joy with those who do not have these gifts. This duty lies not only on pastors and missionaries, but also on lay people, for the Church of Christ, in the wise comparison of St. Paul, is a body, and in the life of the body, every member takes part.”

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY – 1<sup>ST</sup> THREE QUARTERS OF 2011

### ORDINARY INCOME

<b>Category</b>	<b>Jan – Sep 11</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Stewardship	\$30,484	\$35,250
Candles	\$2,555	\$2,625
Bookstore	\$202	\$375
Charity	\$984	\$1,931

### ORDINARY INCOME / EXPENSES

<b>Category</b>	<b>Jan – Sep 11</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Income	\$38,975	\$44,250
Expenses	\$47,591	\$53,191
Net Income	-\$8,616	-\$8,941

### OTHER INCOME

<b>Category</b>	<b>Jan – Sep 11</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Building Fund	15,052	n/a
10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1,005	n/a
In Memory	350	n/a

### About the Financial Summary

The **ordinary income and expenses** figures shown in the chart on the left designates those funds which are being used towards our operating budget.

The **other income** figures shown at the bottom of the chart on the left indicate those funds which were donated for a specified purpose outside of our operating budget.

Our net ordinary income, as far as the budget goes, is a negative \$8,616. This does not take into account the \$15,703 which has been donated toward the building fund, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and offerings given in memory of the departed. Our overall net is a positive \$7,087.

The next financial summary will be in January and will contain the full-year figures. Full financial reports are presented at every Parish Council meeting.

**Questions? Please see Michael McFarland.**

## HOLY SYNOD ELECTS ARCHIMANDRITE ALEXANDER [GOLITZIN] AS BISHOP OF THE BULGARIAN DIOCESE

*From OCA.org*

At their opening session at Saint Sergius of Radonezh Chapel here on Tuesday morning, October 4, 2011, the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America elected Archimandrite Alexander [Golitzin] to the vacant See of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese. Archimandrite Alexander was nominated for the vacant see at the diocese's Fifth Congress-Sobor held in Toledo, OH on Saturday, June 9, 2011. In June 2010, the diocese initiated its search for a candidate for a successor to His Eminence, the late Archbishop Kirill. At the close of the first phase of the search, the diocesan search committee had reviewed the names of 22 possible candidates. After thorough review and discussion, the list was reduced to six names. All six men were contacted and their suitability as candidates was further reviewed. The search committee then settled on two candidates — Archimandrite Alexander and Archpriest Paul Gassios.

A native of Saint Innocent Church, Tarzana, CA, Archimandrite Alexander received a BA in English from the University of California at Berkeley and an M. Div. from Saint Vladimir's Seminary. He spent seven years pursuing doctoral studies at Oxford University in England under His Eminence, Metropolitan Kallistos [Ware]. During this time, he also spent two years in Greece, including one year at Simonos Petras Monastery on Mount Athos.

After receiving his D.Phil. in 1980, he returned to the US, where he was ordained to the diaconate in January 1982 and to the priesthood two years later. In 1986, he was tonsured to monastic orders. He served OCA missions in northern California and headed the Diocese of the West's mission committee. In 1989, he took a teaching position at Milwaukee's Marquette University in the Theology Department, a position that he holds today.

The Bulgarian Diocese includes 19 parishes and missions and one monastery.

