



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF JANUARY 22, 2012

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### Sanctity of Life Sunday

8:40am Hours  
 9:00am Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour  
 Parish Council Meeting

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

5:00pm Bible Study  
 6:00pm Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### Zacchaeus Sunday

8:40am Hours  
 9:00am Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour  
 Annual Meeting

### Welcome Visitors

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

### The March for Life – Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

This annual event mourns the legalization of abortion in 1973 and affirms the sanctity of human life at all stages of development. All Orthodox Christians are encouraged to attend. For more details please see Fr. John.



### Special Prayers

for the Sanctity of Life Sunday are found on page 4 of this bulletin.

### Parish Council Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>

will be held to finalize preparations for the Annual Meeting.

### Annual Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy and coffee hour. The main task of the Annual Meeting is to pass the 2011 Budget, elect the new Parish Council, and discuss ways to expand the Mission. All full-time and part-time members, as well as visitors and contributors to the Mission are asked to attend. If you have any questions, please speak with Fr. John.



### Looking Ahead:

- ❖ Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Council Meeting
- ❖ Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting
- ❖ Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Meeting of the Lord



### The "Souper" Bowl of Caring

is an IOCC sponsored event designed to help local food banks and charities. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. A special collection basket has been placed in the back of the church.

### Website Update

Photos from the Blessing of the Atlantic with St. George's have been posted to our website. Check them out!



### Have Something on Your Mind?

Feel free to talk to your priest. Fr. John can be reached anytime via phone, 302-537-6055 or email, frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org.

### READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

Jodi McElwee

Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>

Bruce Eckerd



**Prayer List:** Fr. Michael Mihalick, Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, 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, Stella, Lilly Barnett, Amy F., Nedelina, Henrietta Stack, & John Nakajima (departed), Archimandrite Pachomy.

OPERATING THRU 12/31/11			JANUARY OPERATING			BUILDING FUND MATCHING DONATIONS		
Income	Expense	Net	Income	Goal	Difference	20K (Everyone)	5K (Parish)	5K (Friends)
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## 445 BABIES SAVED FROM ABORTION THANKS TO FREE 'BELLA' MOVIE, POPCORN

By Peter Baklinski / From lifesitenews.com

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin, January 12, 2012 (LifeSite-News.com) – A pro-life organization has a novel strategy to reach out to a woman who is thinking of aborting her baby. The plan consists in handing out a 'night at the movies' that includes free popcorn, candy, and yes, a free DVD. The strategy has already saved the lives of 445 babies, says the group.

Bella HERO, a non-profit organization, views it as their mission to provide for free what they call the "powerful life-changing" film Bella to any pregnancy care centre that wants it. The program, launched in 2008 by Jason Jones, the producer of the awarding winning film Bella, has as its goal to give the pro-life movie to any woman with an unplanned pregnancy so as to help her in making what the pro-life organization calls "the most important decision in her life."

The film Bella, released in 2007, is a story about how reaching out in a loving way to someone in a difficult situation can give them hope.

"What the movie does is touch the women where we can't," said Tracy Reynolds, program director of Bella HERO in an interview today with LifeSite-News. "It really shows her what her opportunity would be either to be a 'mom' or to 'choose adoption' and give that child a home."

Reynolds compared the film to a "mega ultrasound" which allows a troubled pregnant mother to really see the possibilities in choosing life.

Over 700 pregnancy centres across the USA, Canada, and Australia are now using the Bella film strategy to change hearts and save lives.

Counselors receive training how to use the film with pregnant women who are undecided about the fate of their baby and even considering abortion. Some centres have found that the "movie night in a bag" concept, which includes the "DVD, popcorn, candy, and other creative items," is practically impossible for someone to turn down.

Heartwarming success stories leave no doubt that the strategy is effective.

Abortion minded 16-year-old Anna (name changed) received counseling over the phone from one centre. She was sent a packet which included Bella. Soon afterwards, Anna called the centre back saying, "Bella is the best movie I have ever seen! It helped me decide to keep my baby."

Another woman, Tina, and her boyfriend came into one centre and discovered that she was pregnant. Not only was Tina in college at that time, but she was also far away from home. She did not think that she was ready or able to bring a child into the world. The abortion-bound couple was given a copy of Bella.

The couple surprisingly returned to the centre for an ultrasound. The staff were delighted to learn that they had decided to keep their baby and parent the child themselves. The father wanted to name his child 'Bella' if she was a girl. The couple's choice did not swerve when the ultrasound revealed twin daughters. They are now the proud parents of Bella and Millie.

Cindy (name changed) visited a pregnancy centre very "confused and scared." The 25 year-old woman was already the mother of a young son. She did not want to abort, but felt she had no choice since she "felt she loved her boyfriend too much to interrupt his college plans". She went home with the film Bella, but not before agreeing to return for an ultrasound.

A few days later, Cindy returned to the centre crying. The staff heard that she had not slept for the last few days. The counsellor learned that Cindy had watched Bella and not only decided to keep her baby, but had broken off her relationship with her boyfriend and turned her life over to God. Just like the star in the film, Cindy chose adoption for her baby.

Peggy Hartshorn, President of Heartbeat International, a pro-life organization that works to make "abortion unwanted today and unthinkable for future generations," endorsed the Bella HERO initiative, saying that many women who feel "pressured to abort an untimely pregnancy need someone to say that it is okay to have a baby." She believes



that the film is a lesson in "compassion, self-sacrifice and the unconditional love of family" and that it will give pregnant woman a "positive message."

Cindy Collins, Director of a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Louisiana encourages pregnancy centres to put the film to use. "It has been received with enthusiasm at my center, and we already have 5 mothers who chose life after watching the movie," she said.

Reynolds is convinced that all an abortion-minded woman needs to know so that they will cherish the life within them that there is that "there is hope, that they are not alone, and that somebody is out there who will help them".

Many staff at pregnancy centres believe that the film captures the heart of their ministry. They look forward to more babies being saved as the story of Bella continues to reach troubled pregnant women with a powerful message of hope.

**MET. JONAH, Bp. MICHAEL SPEAK AT OCF CONFERENCES; AUDIOS NOW AVAILABLE FROM OCF SYOSSET, NY [OCA]**

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, and His Grace, Bishop Michael of New York and New Jersey, addressed students at two separate conferences sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Fellowship during the last week of December 2011.

Metropolitan Jonah joined nearly 60 college students at the west coast conference December 27-30 at Saint Nicholas Ranch, Dunlap, CA. He explored the conference theme, "Raise Me Above This World's Confusion," in a series of three lectures. He addressed the confusion that stems from "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" [1 John 2:16], which constitute a life lived selfishly. Using examples familiar to college students, Metropolitan Jonah presented in clear and succinct terms some of the basic principles for spiritual living. He emphasized the importance of friendship and true communion in the spiritual struggle, and encouraged those present to continue the work that they've started by attending the college conference in a spirit of openness and honesty. Between lectures, Metropolitan Jonah took part in group discussions and led the students in prayer.

Concurrently, Bishop Michael spoke at the east coast conference at Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA. His lectures revolved around the same theme explored at the west coast conference.

"Spending four days at OCF College Conference East was one of the highlights of my episcopacy thus far," Bishop Michael said. "To speak with, to pray with, and to commune 260 college students who gathered to share their Orthodox Faith, their life in Christ, and Christian fellowship with one another was an incomparable experience for me. I was privileged to be among outstanding Orthodox speakers and workshop presenters from throughout the country. To watch the reactions of these fine young people as they 'soaked up' wisdom from fathers and mothers in the faith was such a joy.



"I wholeheartedly recommend support for this OCF annual event," Bishop Michael added. "Our college students should attend this; their parents and parish priests should encourage them; and sponsors/donors should scholarship their expenses. It is an investment in the young leadership of our Church for generations to come.

A third conference was held at the same time at the Diakonia Center, Salem, SC.

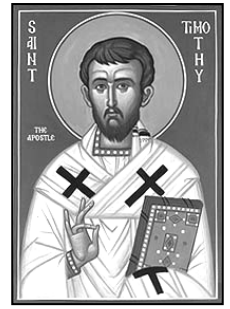
Orthodox Christian Fellowship is a ministry of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America [<http://assemblyofbishops.org>].

For audio, photos or more information about OCF, visit [www.ocf.net](http://www.ocf.net).

## THE HOLY APOSTLE TIMOTHY

Commemorated January 22<sup>nd</sup> / From the Prologue of Ochrid

Timothy was one of the Seventy Apostles. He was born in Lystra in Lycaonia of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. The Apostle Paul praised his mother and grandmother because of their sincere faith. "I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears, so that I may be filled with joy, as I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that, I am confident, lives also in you" (II Timothy 1: 4-5). Timothy first met with the great apostle in Lystra and was himself a witness when Paul healed the one lame from birth. Later, Timothy was an almost constant traveling companion of Paul, traveling with him to Achaia, Macedonia, Italy and Spain. Sweet in soul, he was a great zealot for the Faith, and a superb preacher. Timothy contributed much to the spreading and establishing of the Christian Faith. Paul calls him "my own son in the faith." "Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus, Who is our hope, to Timothy, my own son in the Faith: grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord" (I Timothy 1: 1-2). After Paul's martyrdom, Timothy had St. John the Evangelist as his teacher. But when the Emperor Domentian banished John from Ephesus to the island of Patmos, Timothy remained in Ephesus to serve as bishop. During the time of an idolatrous feast called Katagogium, the pagans, resentful of the Christians, treacherously and in disguise, attacked Timothy and killed him about the year 93 A.D. Later his honorable relics were translated to Constantinople and interred in the Church of the Twelve Apostles along side of the grave of St. Luke the Evangelist and St. Andrew the First-called.



### PRAYERS FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

#### Inserted into the Litany of Fervent Supplication:

Again we pray that Thou wilt grant to the people of this nation the will to do good, to flee from evil, and to practice all righteousness, making us respectful of life and sharers of Thy blessings, caring for one another in mercy and truth.

Again we pray that Thou wilt banish all evil from our hearts and wickedness from our laws, enabling us to be servants of Thy holy will and performers of Thy Love.

Again we pray that Thou wilt kindle in our hearts the will to care for the needy, to show kindness to the poor, to aid the homeless, and to help the helpless.

#### Inserted after "Blessed be the Name of the Lord":

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who art in the bosom of the Father, True God, Source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who came into the world to enlighten it: Thou wast pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Thine All-Holy Spirit.

Yes, O Master, Thou didst come that we might have life and have it more abundantly, we ask Thee to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Thine image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For Thou art the Giver of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be Merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Thy divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the light of Thy Truth and glorify Thee, the Giver of Life, together with Thine Eternal Father, and Thine All-Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.