



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF AUGUST 27, 2017

### Archpastoral Visit of Metropolitan Tikhon

We sincerely express our appreciation to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon for visiting us this weekend to: 1) elevate our mission to parish status, 2) celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Fr. Daniel, and 3) to led the annual Diocesan Day. We also thank Archdeacon Joseph and Subdeacon Roman. May the Lord grant them all "Many blessed years!"



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Luncheon / Open Pool

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### Behheading of St. John the Baptist

9:00a.m. Molioben

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

#### Church New Year

9:00a.m. Akathist

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

5:00p.m. Bible Study  
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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

### A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all our visitors from near and from far. It's good to have you all here with us! Thank you for joining us in glorifying God for all His blessings including this historic occasion!

### Open Pool

Following the Divine Liturgy and until 1pm, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Be safe and enjoy! Questions? Please see Fr. John.



### Safety First

Please be attentive to our children's safety; especially in the parking lot and pool. Parents are asked to please stay with their children at all times or leave them in the supervision of another adult.

### Looking for a Church?

Christ the Savior has been serving Delmarva for 17 years. Our community is filled with people from all different backgrounds who have found their spiritual home in the Orthodox Church. You are invited to become part of our church family! Questions? Please see Fr. John or one of the parishioners.



### Have a Question?

Are you wondering about Orthodox Christianity or Christ the Savior Mission? Please feel free to ask Fr. John any questions in person, on the phone via 302-537-6055 or through email at frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org.

### READER SCHEDULE



#### Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rdr. George Kaloroumakis

#### Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Daniel Moss

| CASH FLOWS THROUGH 7/31/17 |         |        |         |       | CASH FLOWS IN AUGUST 2017 |         |        |         |        | FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT |            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| OPERATING                  |         | OTHER  |         | ALL   | OPERATING                 |         | OTHER  |         | ALL    | AS OF: 8/27        |            |         |
| Income                     | Expense | Income | Expense | Net   | Income                    | Expense | Income | Expense | Net    | Available          | Restricted | Savings |
| 49,372                     | 48,843  | 4,610  | 1,730   | 3,409 | 4,262                     | 8,222   | 6,000  | 10,500  | -7,960 | 106                | 2,970      | 0       |

## BIOGRAPHY OF METROPOLITAN TIKHON

From OCA.org

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada was born Marc R. Mollard in Boston, MA on July 15, 1966, the eldest of three children born to Francois and Elizabeth Mollard.

After brief periods living in Connecticut, France, and Missouri, he and his family settled in Reading, PA, where he graduated from Wyomissing High School in 1984. In 1988 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Sociology from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, after which he moved to Chicago.

In 1989 he was received into the Orthodox Church from Episcopalianism and, in the fall of the same year, he began studies at Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA. One year later he entered the monastic community at Saint Tikhon's Monastery as a novice. He was awarded the Master of Divinity degree from Saint Tikhon's Seminary in 1993, after which he was appointed Instructor in Old Testament and subsequently Senior Lecturer in Old Testament, teaching Master level courses in the Prophets and the Psalms and Wisdom Literature. He also served as an Instructor in the seminary's Extension Studies program, offering courses in the

lives of the Old Testament saints, the liturgical use of the Old Testament, and the Old Testament in patristic literature.

He collaborated with Igumen Alexander [Golitzin]—now Bishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America—in the publication of "The Living Witness of the Holy Mountain" by Saint Tikhon's Seminary Press.

In 1995, he was tonsured to the Lesser Schema with the name Tikhon, in honor of Saint Patriarch Tikhon, Enlightener of North America. Later that year, he was ordained to the Holy Diaconate and Holy Priesthood at Saint Tikhon's Monastery. In 1998 he was elevated to the rank of Igumen, and in 2000, to the rank of Archimandrite.



In December 2002, he was named Deputy Abbot of Saint Tikhon's Monastery. Two years later—on February 14, 2004—he was consecrated to the episcopacy at Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church. On May 9, 2012, he was elevated to the dignity of Archbishop.

On November 13, 2012, Archbishop Tikhon was elected Primate of the Orthodox Church in America at the 17th All-American Council.

### ASK FATHER: 1 QUESTION / 1 ANSWER

**Question:** What exactly is a bishop?

**Answer:** The bishop is the first and highest degree of the clergy in the Orthodox Church (the Biblical term is overseer). He is the successor to the Apostles in the service and government of the Church. A ruling bishop is responsible for and is the head of all the parishes located in his diocese.

The ministry and authority of the lower orders of clergy (priests, deacons, subdeacons, readers) is derived from the bishop, who alone performs the mystery of ordination. Likewise, lay stewardship in the Orthodox Church (educative, administrative, or otherwise) is conducted with the blessing of the bishop.

While Orthodox hierarchs may differ in rank and title (as some are called patriarchs, popes, metropolitans, archbishops, or simply bishops), nevertheless all bishops are equal as they all share in the same apostolic succession, they all have the same sacramental powers, and they all are divinely appointed teachers of the faith. For this reason, not only has no bishop in the Orthodox Church ever had universal jurisdiction but no bishop has ever even had the right to interfere in the affairs of another's diocese. Yet, in matters of faith and practice the bishop is not entirely on his own but instead remains subject to the decisions of local and general councils of bishops. In the same manner all councils of bishops remain subject to the general consciousness of the entire Church which as the Body of Christ includes both clergy and laity alike and is governed by the Holy Spirit.



## A HISTORY OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

*From OrthodoxDelmarva.org*

The Delmarva area Orthodox Mission has the distinction of being the first mission to be planted by the Orthodox Church in America in the present millennium.

An ad-hoc committee received the blessing of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius to pursue the planting of a mission in the Delmarva area that would celebrate services in the English language, supplementing the existing Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean City, and taking up the slack caused by the closing of the local Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Whaleyville.

The first Divine Liturgy was celebrated in a medical facility on March 5, 2000. Following this Liturgy, a coordinating Council of area residents was appointed by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius, and the search for a suitable home for the mission began.

The mission rented its first home from Dr. Nicholas Borodulia, who offered the use of a building on Coastal Highway in Fenwick Island which had formerly served as his medical office.

The founding members, led by Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak, who had previously retired to the area, undertook the job of renovations, transforming the building into three sections: a chapel, an all-purpose room, and an office.



Chapel in Fenwick Island

In August of 2006, the mission achieved an important milestone as it welcomed Reverend John Parsells, a newly ordained priest from New Jersey, as the first fulltime pastor since her establishment in 2000.



Vines Creek, Delaware

In July of the next summer, His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman, the Archbishop of Washington and New York, made his first archpastoral visit to Christ the Savior. On this historic weekend, as the parish welcomed for the first time ever its diocesan hierarch, Fr. John was formally installed as Rector of the mission.

In 2007, the mission moved to a new home in Dagsboro, Delaware. The new facility was chosen because it was more centrally located between the northern and southern beaches, closer to parishioners' homes and provided

enough room to accommodate the mission's growing congregation which has steadily risen since the founding of the church in 2000.

On the weekend of January 1-2, 2011, the faithful of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church welcomed His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah, together with special guests and visitors, for the 10th anniversary celebration of the Mission's founding. The weekend was punctuated with a chrismation, the enrollment of 11 new catechumens, and receiving of a \$20,000 matching donation for the building fund.

Later the same year, on August 17th, the day after celebrating the patronal feast of the mission, a truly unique and divinely sent opportunity presented



Chapel in Vines Creek

itself in the form of a 15.1 acre, 4300 square foot, Mediterranean style home with 3-car insulated garage, located just off Routes 113 and 90, strategically positioned for locals as well as vacationers.



Berlin, Maryland

After considerable research, on Sunday, October 9th, the Feast of St. Tikhon, the Enlightener of North America, the parishioners of Christ the Savior Mission assembled for a Special Parish Meeting and voted unanimously to purchase this estate located at 10315 Carey Road, Berlin, MD, to serve as their parish center, housing the chapel, fellowship hall and rectory.

Parishioners and friends offered very generously to make this purchase possible, with the lionshare of the funding for this holy endeavor coming through the generosity of the Mitsopolous family who offered a \$100,000 donation and a \$400,000 zero interest loan. On December 2nd, the mission closed on the property and immediately began preparations to move to the new parish center.

After months of renovation work, on the weekend of June 9th and 10th, the first Divine Services were held in the new chapel.

Then on the weekend of July 7-8, 2012 the faithful welcomed His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, together with friends of the Mission from both near and far for the celebratory festivities of "Opening Weekend".

Over 100 people gathered on this weekend as we offered thanks to the Lord and those who worked together with Him for the acquisition and beautification of the new Parish Center in Berlin, Maryland.



Chapel in Berlin, Maryland



Mortgage Burning

Some four years later, on the weekend of August 20-21, 2016, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon was welcomed by Priest John Parsells and the faithful of Christ the Savior Mission, Berlin, MD. The visit coincided with the burning of the mission's mortgage—the \$318,000.00 balance had been paid in full by an anonymous parishioner, fifteen years before it was due.

Parishioner Constantine Mitsopoulos was presented with a gramota in recognition of his exemplary stewardship and generous financial contributions and for offering the mission the \$400,000.00 no-interest loan to acquire church property that houses a chapel, fellowship hall, and rectory.

The next year, having met the requirements of the Archdiocese of Washington and with the blessing of Metropolitan Tikhon, Christ the Savior Mission was raised to full parish status. His Beatitude made an archpastoral visit to elevate the church and to congratulate its founder, Protospesbyter Daniel Hubiak, on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Parishes and missions from throughout the Archdiocese gathered for the celebration, which coincided with the annual Diocesan Day, and friends and visitors were welcomed from near and far for this historic and festive occasion.



Fr. Daniel & Mat. Dunia Hubiak

We acknowledge the generosity of the Archdiocese of Washington, sister parishes and visitors. We look forward to sharing our faith with those who live in the Delmarva area. Those who visit and vacation on the Eastern shore, we invite you to join the growing number of faithful who have adopted our Church by the Sea as their home away from home.

Finally, we thank the Lord for His continued blessings upon the Orthodox Church in America's Mission to Delmarva. May He continue to guide and help us! Glory and thanks be to Him for all things!

