



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 8, 2017**

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

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

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

### **St. Tikhon of Moscow**

9:00a.m. Akathist

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

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

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

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hr; Church School

*"It's no easy thing to learn to communicate with other people, to put up with them and love them. Because Christ didn't tell us just to put up with our enemies but to love them. So how much more should you love your spouse, your brother, your neighbor. And yet, that simple thing, which everybody talks about, is our greatest achievement."*

Metropolitan Athanasios of Lemesos

### **READER SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Daniel Moss

#### **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Joanne Patrick



### **A Warm Welcome!**

We warmly welcome all our visitors from near and from far. It's good to have you all here with us!

### **2018 Calendars & Pocket Planners**

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



### **Sympathy is Expressed**

to Danyella Mary Parsells on the repose of her father, Dennis, who passed away this past week. May the Lord comfort her, and grant eternal rest and blessed repose to her father, Dennis!

### **Prayers for the Healing Ministries – Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

will be offered at the Divine Liturgy on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday closest to the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>). Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Liturgy for a prayer and blessing.



### **Church School Registration**

is still open this Sunday. Please see Nissa Nancy or Pat McAlpin, if you would like to register your children or if you have any questions. Classes will begin next week. Many thanks to our teachers and parents for their care for the spiritual upbringing of our youth!

### **Did You Know?**

- ❖ Christ the Savior's account balance has been in the red for over 6 weeks because donations are down significantly in 2017.
- ❖ Because the church's bills continue even when we miss a Sunday, many people make up their offerings when they return and some even give in advance of being away.
- ❖ Offerings: 1) help the Church fulfill her work and 2) help us grow in Christ. Offerings are a matter of faith not just finances.
- ❖ Christian Wealth Management: "Find out how much God has given you, and from it take what you need; the remainder which you do not require is needed by others. The excesses of the rich are the necessities of the poor." St. Augustine

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 9/30/17					CASH FLOWS IN OCTOBER 2017					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 10/8		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Available	Restricted	Savings
60,832	65,183	12,890	13,100	-4,561	1,911	8,222	0	0	-6,311	-3,955	2,970	0

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## SAINT TIKHON THE PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW ENLIGHTENER OF NORTH AMERICA

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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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## TAKE THE KIDS TO CHURCH

*George Strickland, Ph. D., DirectionsToOrthodoxy.org*

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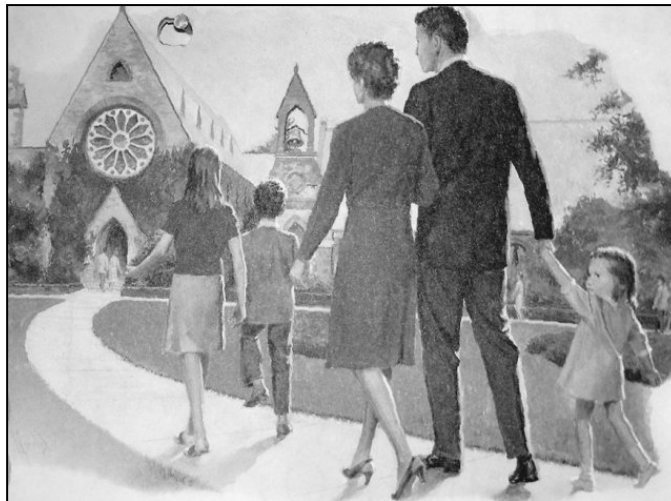
Based on new studies conducted by Baylor University, children from more religious families and from families with higher rates of religious attendance are better behaved and more well adjusted at home and at school. Better educated people generally had parents who attended church services twice or more a month. Among people with graduate level educations, two-thirds had mothers who were from frequent church attendees, compared to just under half of people with only a high school education. The difference is just as significant when looking at the frequency of church attendance by both parents and even larger when looking at fathers' attendance. This evidence is highly correlated with other studies that show church attendance during adolescence helps reduce a number of the damaging long-term risk factors of disadvantaged children and leads to better education success overall.

There are a number of reasons why parents' religious attendance might improve children's educational and developmental outcomes. First, children may be more likely to learn wholesome values and moral commitment if they go to church. Second, a parish can provide an important sense of community that can help develop commitment to voluntarism, social responsibility and a sense of self-worth. Third, having children who attend church together can help assure that a child grows up in an intact family. The Baylor studies show:

- The average person is 50 percent less likely to be divorced or separated if he or she attends religious services at least twice a month.
- The divorce rate among those who never attend worship is close to double that of weekly church goers.

If parents go to church—especially if they go together—children are likely to grow up in intact families. Having an intact family has numerous benefits, both financial and social-psychological: higher household income, better health care, more involvement by parents, result in children who are less likely to smoke, less likely to have sex early, and more likely to be happy. Any of these benefits could explain why children are more likely to get a good education when their parents attend church often.

Since the parents church attendance is highly correlated with educational outcomes, the Baylor studies indicate some fascinating observations. Among people with children, the more educated their occupational classification, the higher level of church attendance. But among the childless, things go in the opposite direction--the less educated is slightly more likely to attend church at least twice a month. What is really fascinating is that



people in high and mid-range education dramatically increase their church attendance when they have children—while those in the less educated occupations do not.

The connection between family and church is quite strong. Despite the perennially announced decline in the church's importance--its announcement being greeted with cheers among the "cultured despisers of religion"--the church remains vital and intact. Often overlooked in various studies are the ways in which the values expressed by the church infiltrate and influence countless lives for the better. When parents go to church and take their children, the kids get more education, and have more satisfying and happy lives.

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## METROPOLITAN TIKHON ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE TRAGEDY IN LAS VEGAS

From OCA.org

"On behalf of the hierarchs, clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, we offer sincere condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas. It always brings great sorrow to hear of such senseless killings in the supposedly civilized world. Our hearts ache for the families and friends of the victims and we offer fervent prayers for the repose of the souls of those whose lives were tragically cut short. We pray for the victims and the grieving families and ask that God send down upon them the spirit of peace and consolation. We also offer thanksgiving for the timely and heroic actions of the first responders. Finally, we offer our prayers for the city of Las Vegas and all of those who have been affected by these tragic events. We ask that all Orthodox Christians remember the victims and their families in their prayers."



### FOR CONSIDERATION

From the Prologue of Ochrid (October 18)

Can a sinner repent of his sins in ten days? According to the immeasurable compassion of God he can. During the reign of Emperor Maurice, there was a well-known bandit in the vicinity of Constantinople. He inspired fear and trembling both within the capital and without. One day, the Emperor Maurice himself sent the robber a cross as a sign of faith that he would do him no harm if he surrendered. The robber took the cross and surrendered. Arriving in Constantinople, he fell before the feet of the emperor and begged for forgiveness. The emperor kept his word, had mercy on him and released him. Immediately after that, the robber became gravely ill and sensed that death was drawing near. He bitterly repented of all his sins and tearfully prayed to God that He forgive him, as the emperor had forgiven him. He shed so many tears at prayer that his handkerchief was completely soaked. After ten days of weeping and praying, the repentant man reposed. The same night he passed away, his physician saw a wondrous vision in a dream: when the robber had given up his soul, there gathered around him black, manlike demons with pieces of paper on which were written all his sins. Two radiant angels also appeared. The angels set a scale between them, and the joyful demons placed all those papers on it, weighing down their side of the scale; but the other side was empty. The angels held counsel: "What shall we place on it? Let us seek something good in his life!" And then that handkerchief soaked with tears of repentance appeared in the hands of one angel. The angels quickly placed it on their side of the scale and it outweighed all the demons' papers. Then the black demons fled, howling sorrowfully, and the angels took the soul of the repentant thief and carried it to Paradise, glorifying the man-loving God.



### Some Instructions of Patriarch Ilia II of Georgia

The Holy Cross is a great mystery. A man must follow vertical and horizontal paths. The vertical path means seeking God, and the horizontal path means serving and loving human beings. A person who forms a cross with his life achieves happiness. Our lives should begin and end with the Cross. The Cross is the greatest holy force against the devil.

I cannot remember a night without praying in our family. This rule of daily prayer should be followed in every single family.

Parents should bless their children every day. Children should ask for a blessing from their parents and kiss their hands. Parents should teach their children how to love and serve God. The ability to feel love is a grace that God has given us and we pass it on to our children.

Hope is necessary. A hopeless person is poor. If we pray with hope, God will hear our prayer.