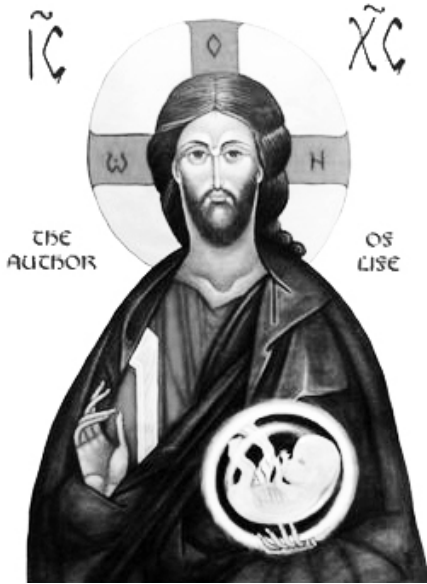


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BULLETIN OF JANUARY 19, 2020



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Sanctity of Life Sunday

St. Mark of Ephesus

8:40am Hours
9:00am Div. Liturgy
Coffee Hour/Parish Council

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

March For Life @ Washington DC

12:00pm Rally
1:00pm March

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

New Martyrs/Confessors of Russia

8:40am Hours
9:00am Div. Liturgy
Annual Parish Meeting

"The likeness of Thy Church, O Lord, is that woman who went behind and touched the hem of Thy garment, saying within herself: 'If I do but touch His garment I shall be whole' (Mt. 9:21). So the Church confesses her wounds, and desires to be healed."

St. Ambrose of Milan, 4th C

A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all our visitors! It is good to have you with us!

Inclement Weather and Schedule Updates

Changes to the schedule of divine services and events are emailed to our mailing list and posted to our website. Should you wish to subscribe to the mailing list, you may do so on our website. Should you have any questions regarding the schedule, please feel free to call the church. As always, be safe, care for one another, and if you cannot make it to church, pray in your homes!



The March for Life in Washington – Friday, Jan. 24th

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. If you are in need of more information, please see Fr. John. A sign-up sheet for interested parties is at the candle stand.



Auditors Need for 2019 Financial Books

If you would like to serve as one of the two required auditors of the parish financial accounts or if you have any questions as to what this entails, please see Fr. John. The annual audit is both important and required. Please see Ioana Davidson or Pat McAlpin as soon as possible. Thank you!



2020 Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday, January 26th

All members/friends on the parish are kindly asked to attend. The meeting will be immediately after the Div. Liturgy/Post-Communion Prayers, and food will be served during the meeting. Repeat: there will be no coffee hour as we will eat during the meeting to save time. All reports from officers and committee chairs should be submitted no later than 1/19. Thank you!

2020 Parish Council Membership

If you might be interested in serving on the council, please see Fr. John.

The "Super" Bowl of Caring

is an IOCC sponsored event designed to help local food banks and charities. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 2nd, 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.



Our Directory of Parishioners and Friends

is currently being updated. If you attend Christ the Savior Mission even infrequently and are not yet listed in our directory, please fill out a directory form in the back of the church. An updated directory will be made available at the candle stand in early 2020. Questions, please see Nissa Nancy. Thank you!



✠	OPERATING			EARMARKED			ACCOUNTS		READER SCHEDULE	
	LAST YEAR	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR				
INCOME	111,730	6,092	6,092	20,006	0	0	OPERATING	11,566	1/19	Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia
EXPENSE	111,132	9,261	9,261	12,238	0	0	EARMARKED	13,680	1/26	Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones
NET	+598	-3,169	-3,169	+7,768	0	0	SAVINGS	12,000	2/2	Beth Dunbar
							BUILDING	5,000	2/9	Megan Wilkinson

ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN TIKHON
JANUARY 19, 2020

To the honorable Clergy, venerable Monastics, and pious Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

From ancient times, all who have believed in the One God have believed that He takes special care in the formation of each human being. As God Himself expressed to Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

In the moment of conception in the mother's womb, a human being comes into existence. Yet even before being conceived and formed, this human being is known by God. God exists outside of time, and already knows and loves each one of us personally, knowing what we will do and who we will become both in this life and in eternity. As Solomon proclaims, "God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things that they might exist" (Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-14). God wants us to be alive, and certainly, this is why we must speak against abortion and its legalization in our country: it is in opposition to God's loving plan to bring a human being into the world to live.

For just as He consecrated Jeremiah a prophet so that he might speak God's word, God brings each human being into the world with a unique purpose of speaking a unique word to the world, to reveal something to the world that will bring it closer to Him. Our lives are intended to be a period of sanctification, each one of us helping in the salvation and sanctification of our neighbor, and in this way being sanctified ourselves. Whatever occupations we have, together with the universal human callings to be loving children, siblings, parents or friends, can thus be holy and life-giving. For the purpose of all of our lives' activities is ultimately to become sanctified images of God by imitating God in caring for others. Because of this, we must give every human being the opportunity to live their life and work toward sanctification, just as we have been given that opportunity.

And what does this work of sanctification look like? Keeping in mind that David instructs us to "turn away from evil, and do good" (Psalm 33:15), we must begin to sanctify ourselves and the world by preaching the truth about evil, just as Jeremiah did. Above all, we reject Cain's first sin of murder, in all of its loathsome forms: murder against the unborn, murder through violence, murder by starvation or deprivation, and murder of the ill and elderly. We also reject greed, lust, and selfishness, and we reject harming others, being dismissive of others, and hating others. We then "do

good" by being imitators of God in caring for one another, by speaking the truth in love, and by emptying ourselves for the sake of others. Remembering that "this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life" (John 6:40), we couple our efforts of care for humanity with a call to the world to believe in the Son of God, Jesus the Savior of the human race, who was "given as a ransom for all," because His Father "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:6, 4).

Yet we know that despite our efforts to do good, each of us falls at times and does evil. But with incredible compassion, our God who knew us before we were formed in our mother's womb still loves and respects us. He still loves each and every human being, despite our faults and mistakes, even those who have made terrible mistakes and have worked evil.

Thus, if we recognize that our purpose in this life is to become images of God, we must also forgive, help, pray for, and love all those who have committed wrong. In imitation of our loving God, whose mercy is immeasurable, we too must love those who have been involved in the evil of abortion, showing mercy and compassion to the poor, desperate, and confused parents who have committed abortions, and praying fervently for the repentance of abortion doctors and advocates everywhere. We must love them and forgive them their sins, knowing that God loves all of humanity and is willing to forgive all sins.

At the same time, we cannot allow any excuse for abortion. We firmly believe that a new person comes into being in the moment of conception, and because of this, we must ever strive to prevent abortions from happening, making sure our local communities know of the many Christian-supported pregnancy crisis services available to unprepared and confused young parents. In turn, our churches must ever be willing to love and help such parents and their unborn children.

Thus, this year, as we mark the sorrowful 47th anniversary of the legalization of abortion, we remember to hate the sin of abortion, and to make ever effort we can to stop it from happening, while loving the misguided and confused ones who have been involved in abortions, knowing that God is willing to forgive all transgressions. In this way, we fulfill the purpose that God has given us in this life to become His images and presence in the world, while helping others – unborn and born alike – to have that same opportunity to come to "the knowledge of the truth" and fulfill their

own lives' God-intended purposes. For this "truth," as we all should be reminded of again and again, is that: God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." - John 3:16-17

With love in Christ,

+Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada



PRAYERS FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

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.

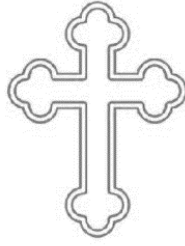
O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who art in the bosom of the Father, True God, Source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who came into the world to enlighten it: Thou wast pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Thine All-Holy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

A PRAYER FOR DURING PREGNANCY

Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, Source of life and immortality, we thank Thee, that Thou hast enabled us in wedlock to become partakers of Thy blessing and gift, for Thou hast said, O Master, "*Grow and multiply and you will fill the earth.*" We thank Thee and pray: bless this fruit of our body which Thou hast granted us, show Thy mercy upon it and enliven it with Thy Holy Spirit. Make its body to grow in health and without flaw and grant it well-formed members. Sanctify its body, mind, heart and inward parts. Grant this infant wisdom and fear of Thee; appoint a faithful guardian Angel for his soul and body. Cover, protect, strengthen and preserve the child in our womb until the very hour when Thou didst command him to be born. But do not conceal him in his mother's womb, for Thy hands have prepared him. Thou gavest him life and breath. O Lord Jesus Christ, we entrust our child into Thine all-powerful hands. Place the right hand of Thy grace upon him, sanctify him with Thy Holy Spirit and renew him for eternal life, that he may be a partaker of Thy Kingdom. Amen.





Orthodox Christians Walking Together at The March for Life

Friday, January 24, 2020
The National Mall, Washington, DC

Text "MARCHFORLIFE" to (844) 334-5548
to opt-in to receive texts for day-of updates on our gathering schedule & location

Our Facebook Event Page will be kept up to date
[Facebook.com/events/432441117439851/](https://www.facebook.com/events/432441117439851/)

AGENDA - Friday, January 24

8:30AM - 10/10:30AM Pre-March Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Located: 3500 Massachusetts Ave NW DC

11:30AM Meet at the National Mall at the intersection of 12th St NW & Madison Dr NW

- **EXACT detailed spot will be announced via text and Facebook**
- *May need to adjust to a nearby location (within 5 min walk) due to the nature of this event. Please opt-in for texting for real-time updates. You will also spot our signs there.*


12PM - 1PM Pre-March Rally His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia will lead all in prayer on stage

About 12:30/12:45 Orthodox faithful and hierarchs will gather for a brief prayer for the unborn

1PM March peacefully with hierarchs and clergy up Constitution Ave to US Supreme Court

After March Please join us for fellowship at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

MESSAGE & FOLLOW US [Facebook.com/OrthodoxMarchForLife/](https://www.facebook.com/OrthodoxMarchForLife/)
See official **March for Life website** for schedule, tips, and other info: [MarchForLife.org](https://www.MarchForLife.org)

Please support  an Orthodox Christian Initiative ([ZoeForLife.org](https://www.ZoeForLife.org))
ZOE for Life!® affirms the value of all life by helping women in a confidential manner during and after crisis pregnancies

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. **Psalm 139:13**