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Sundays and Feast Days

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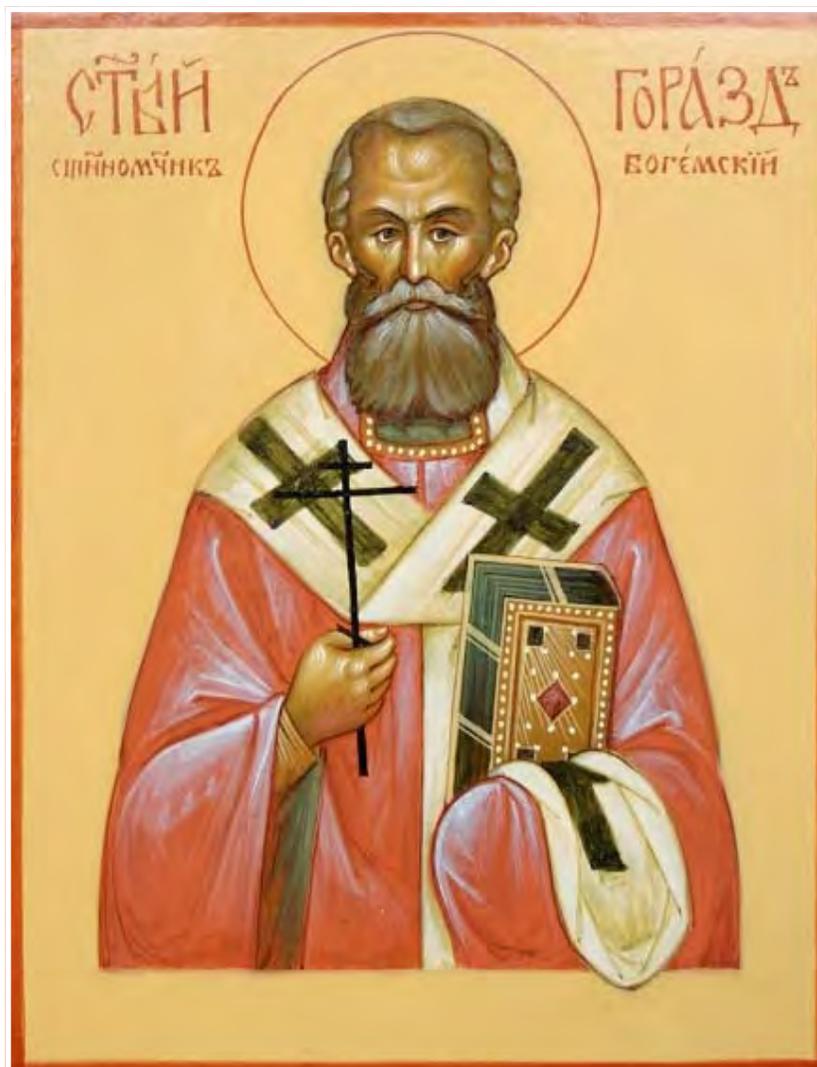
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"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep" [John 10:11].

"O Lord, make this man also, who has been proclaimed a steward of the episcopal grace, to be an imitator of You, the true Shepherd, Who laid down Your life for Your sheep...." [Prayer of Consecration of a Bishop]. On September 25, 1921, these words were prayed over Fa-

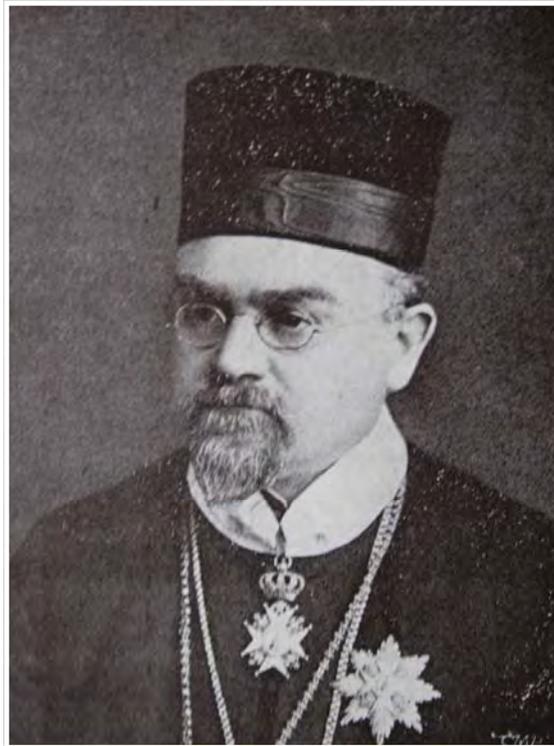
ther Gorazd Pavlik as he was consecrated the Bishop of Moravia and Silesia. It is doubtful that anyone in attendance that day, including the new bishop, expected that he would be called upon to live that prayer in a literal way.

Matthias Pavlik was born in 1879 in the Moravian town of Hrubavrbka in what would later become the Czech Republic. He was born into a Roman Catholic family, completed the Roman Catholic seminary in Olomouc and was ordained a priest. With the end of World War I and the formation of

the new nation of Czechoslovakia from the ruins of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the laws requiring observance of the Catholic religion were loosened. Father Matthias, along with thousands of others left the Catholic Church with many seeking a home in the Orthodox Church, which in that region was then under the protection of the Orthodox Church of Serbia. Taking monastic vows, he assumed the name "Gorazd" who was a disciple of Saints Cyril and Methodius and who succeeded Saint Methodius as the bishop of Moravia. At the age of 42, Father Gorazd was consecrated an Orthodox bishop in Belgrade, Serbia by the Serbian Patriarch Dimitri along with the illustrious Metropolitan Anthony Khrapovitsky of Kiev and several other bishops, including Bishop Dositheus of Zagreb. Bishop Dositheus was a key figure in the re-birth of the Orthodox Church among Carpatho-Rusyns and was glorified as a saint of the Orthodox Church in May, 2000.

Bishop Gorazd immediately set to work building up the Orthodox Faith, building eleven churches and two chapels, translating service books into the Czech language. He paid particular attention to the Carpatho-Rusyns in the eastern part of the Czech Republic who were also returning to the Orthodox Faith of their ancestors. In that region, in 1934 he took part in the 20th anniversary commemoration of the Marmarosh-Sigotsky trial.

This trial occurred in 1914 when 94 Carpatho-Rusyn Orthodox, together with their priest, Saint Alexis Kabaluk, were tried for treason for renouncing the Greek Catholic Faith and embracing Orthodoxy.



For twenty years, the bishop faithfully cared for his flock as a good shepherd. He remained faithful to the Orthodox Faith despite attempts by many Catholics to persuade him to renounce Orthodoxy. When many Roman Catholic priests rose up against him, the Catholic Bishop Stoian said, "Leave Pavlik alone, you are not worthy to tie his laces, it would be good if everyone were like Pavlik."

When the German Nazis invaded and conquered Czechoslovakia in 1938, the Orthodox Church was placed under the Orthodox metropolitan of Berlin, Germany, Metropolitan Seraphim (Liade). The German ruler of Czechoslovakia, Reinhard Heydrich, was assassinated on May 27, 1942 by a group of Czech resistance fighters who then were allowed to hide in the crypt of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Cathedral. When Bishop Gorazd learned of this he realized what great danger he and his flock were in if the Nazis uncovered this hiding place. Before leaving for Berlin to take part in the consecration of Father Philip Gardner as a bishop, he insisted that the resistance fighters leave the Cathedral and find another place of refuge. But on June 18, the hiding place was revealed after a betrayal and torture, and all members of the group were killed.

The Nazis immediately began massive reprisals. The two Cathedral priests and senior lay officials

were arrested. Bishop Gorazd, trying to save his people and his church from destruction, wrote letters to the Nazi authorities taking the blame for the actions in the Cathedral, in which he stated, "I am giving myself up to the authorities and am prepared to face any punishment, including death."

Bishop Gorazd was arrested on June 27, 1942, tortured and executed by firing squad at the Kobylisz Shooting Range on September 4. He was 63 years old. The two Cathedral priests were also shot. Along with the priests and bishop, a total of 550 people were executed by the Nazis in reprisal for the assassination. In one particularly heinous act, the entire village of Lidice was exterminated. All of the men were executed, the women and children placed in labor camps, and

all village dwellings destroyed. Following the martyrdom of the bishop, the Orthodox Church in Bohemia and Moravia was suppressed and all churches closed. Orthodox priests were exiled to forced labor camps in Germany.

Because Bishop Gorazd willingly laid down his life in order to protect his flock, he was recognized by the Orthodox Church of Serbia as a new martyr on May 4, 1961. On August 24, 1987 he was glorified in the Cathedral of Saint Gorazd in Olomouc, Moravia. His feast day is observed on the day of his martyrdom, September 4. Today, at the site of his martyrdom at the Kobylisz Shooting Range, a monument has been erected in his memory and those others who suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here: **Father Jan Cizmar - 1(440) 732-8182 - st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com**

September 11th is our Parish Feast!

A reminder that September 11th this year we are celebrating our Feast Day with lunch in our own parish hall (next to the cathedral) after Divine Liturgy with our new bishop, His Grace the Right Reverend Daniel.

Food, coffee, and tea are provided, we invite everyone to bring additional beverages if desired. Please RSVP by using the sign-in sheet we will provide or by emailing Fr. Jan or our Parish Secretary Mary (their emails are on the front of the Ambo). Please do this by September 4th so we may prepare accordingly.

ENTHRONEMENT OF HIS GRACE BISHOP DANIEL

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has set the date for the enthronement of His Grace Bishop Daniel as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest for Saturday, October 1, 2022, the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.

All clergy and the faithful are invited!

Services will be held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago IL. The festivities will begin with the All Night Vigil for the feast on Friday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m. The greeting of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, followed by the Hierarchical Liturgy, and the enthronement of His Grace Bishop Daniel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. JAN!

On August 22nd, His Grace the Bishop Daniel, Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest, changed Fr. Ján Čizmár's status from *Priest-in-Charge* to *Dean* of St. Theodosius Cathedral. God grant our new Dean many years!

We welcome the newly Christmated Nicholas and Gabriel into the Orthodox faith!

May God strengthen their faith and give them holy wisdom!

A Thank You Note from FOCA

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee hour fundraiser. To all who donated, worked, and served, we are very grateful. The campers will benefit from the \$400 that was raised.

Again, we and the campers really appreciate your support!

Emails from Fr. Jan

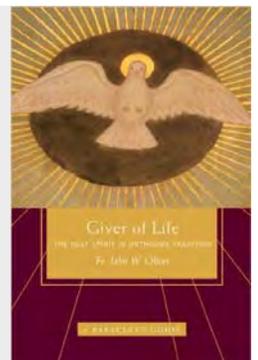
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FAITH ENRICHMENT RETURNS

On September 15th for ten weeks, concluding on November 17th, 2022, we will study the book *Giver of Life: The Holy Spirit in Orthodox Tradition* by Fr. John W. Oliver. Books will be available for pickup on Thursday, September 8th, after Liturgy at the price of \$20.00.

Contact Subdeacon Leon Felon with any questions: (440) 666-7601



Wine Tasting TO BENEFIT IOCC

ST. MICHAEL'S
Woodside Event Center
5025 Mill Road
Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Monday, October 24, 2022
Dinner 6:00 pm

Enjoy a four-course dinner with wine pairings, baskets raffle, and cash bar, and learn how your gifts help families in need around the world.

Tickets \$60 • See your parish representative or visit

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**Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon
For the Beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year
September 1, 2022**

To the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

Dear beloved children in the Lord,

Today marks the beginning of the new ecclesiastical year and is a day we have, in recent times, set aside to pray for God's creation, remember our place within it, and look towards its care.

As the scientific community vocally sounds the alarm on the human impact on worldwide ecology, we are increasingly aware of the climate crisis facing us. We are now, in the last few decades, coming to fully understand the power humanity has to harm the natural world.

We know from the Scriptures that God has given mankind dominion "over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (Gen. 1:28). Now it seems that this dominion, misdirected, has been extended so that we also have a measure of control to shape even the climate on God's earth on which we live. The worldwide consensus grows day by day that mankind has misused its stewardship of the earth and that the consequences of such mismanagement are increasingly more serious.

We must take these alarms seriously. The climate crisis is predicted to drastically harm the lives of future generations, especially in the third world, where many regions are expected to become inhospitable, leading to famine. Our Lord tells us that all the Law and the Prophets depend on the two great commandments: the love of God and the love of our neighbor (cf. Matt. 22:38-40). Thus, care for our climate and ecosystem is not merely a material problem, it is also a spiritual problem. It is of critical concern to face this spiritual challenge presented by the climate crisis.

Likewise, it is spiritually harmful to thoughtlessly consume the natural world around us; it is an abuse of God's gift. As the Psalmist declares, "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein" (Ps 23:1). This world is God's creation declared to be good (cf. Gen. 1). We are merely stewards, never owners, and we have a responsibility to exercise moderation, to care for the earth, and to do what is in our power to stop its exploitation and destruction.

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This means that, even if there were no environmental alarms being sounded, our calling to care for the environment remains. We remember that at the creation of the world, “the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed ... and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it” (Gen. 2:8, 15). It was in this garden that Adam and Eve, the first human beings, received their vocations as caretakers of paradise.

Thus, care for the natural world, the climate, and ecosystem is for us a quiet echo of the first calling of man given by our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ before we wore “garments of skin” (Gen. 3:21) and the pollution of sin spread. It is a reminder of our pilgrimage towards our true home in the Kingdom of God, the heavenly Eden, where there is “the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit... and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations” (Rev. 22:1-2).

I encourage all to take up this ancient vocation of man and begin by individually finding practical ways to become good stewards of the world in which we find ourselves. Aspire to “live quietly” as the Apostle Paul instructs (cf. 1 Thess. 4:11) and reject the ravenous consumerism which devours our hearts as it devours everything else. Reduce your carbon footprint and avoid waste whenever possible. Plant trees and gardens, to not only help the environment but to remind you that during our time on earth we are “aliens and exiles” (1 Pet. 2:11) traveling towards paradise and the gardens of the age to come.

I urge our institutions, dioceses, monasteries, and parishes: take the lead in your respective areas, whether organizing large efforts to become more ecologically responsible, reducing carbon footprints, or taking climate concerns into account when planning. From diocesan initiatives to beautifying parish properties and gardens to the prayer of individuals at home, we all have our vocations in caring for the world which God has given us.

It is my sincere hope that in coming years and decades the Orthodox Church in America will become a leader in North America of good ecological stewardship; and that, for the outside world, we will be held up as examples of responsible, humble living, as befits followers of the gospel.

Let us always give thanks to Him Who “bestowest upon us earthly good things” and “Who hast given us a pledge of the promised kingdom through the good things already bestowed upon us” (Sixth Prayer of Vespers). May God bless our efforts as we strive to become ever better stewards of His many gifts.

I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tikhon", with a small cross symbol to the left.

+TIKHON

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Theotokos of Vladimir

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Unity Through Participation**

*"Make new friends but keep the old.
One is silver, the other gold."*

**Saturday, September 10, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

**St. Matthew the Evangelist Church
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton, OH 44133**

**BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW CHURCH YEAR
60th anniversary year**

- Installation of Officers with Father John Zdinak
- Welcome to new members and visitors
- Fellowship and refreshments
- 60th Anniversary Update
- IOCC School Bag Service Project





Theotokos of Vladimir

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Unity Through Participation**

**Thursday, October 13, 2022
60th Diamond Anniversary Celebration
Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild**



**St. Sava Cathedral Main Hall
6306 Broadview Road
Parma, OH 44134**

- Enjoy appetizers at social hour with friends and family – **All invited**
 - Catered dinner prepared by St. Sava Caterer
 - Delicious Pastry
 - Program to celebrate our past, present and future!
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- Doors open at 6:00 PM / Dinner at 7:00 PM
 - Tickets: Adults - \$25 / Children 6-12 \$12.50 / Under 6 – FREE
 - See Parish Representatives for tickets
 - or Helen Beverly (440-212-5545)
 - Reservations must be made by Monday, October 3, 2022
 - All proceeds will go to Orthodox Charities
- see list compiled by EOWG -- <https://www.eowgcle.org>

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 9/4/2022

Departed:

Mary M. Beardslee (*Mother of Wayne*)

Peter Geletka (*Uncle of Joyce*)

Bogdan Zjalich

Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Ron Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

Dan Boerio

Jennifer Boerio

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Matthew Ponomarenko

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Child Benjamin Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Maggie Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Child Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Michael Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Peter

Andrew Mytrohovich

Robbie Prock

Gayle Vidovich

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Jeremy & Yvonne & unborn child

Alex Medvec (*nephew of Virginia Medvec*)

Lisa Theodore

Arlene Czajkowski

Athina

Betty Balasz (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Constantinos

Amelia

Andrew Sykaluk

Tina Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

Jennifer Humphrey (*daughter of Judith Schwind*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis, Father to Nadine Ellis & Katie (Ellis) Luvisona*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to

ambo-theodosius@googlegroups.com

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 4

Matthew 28:16-20
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 19:16-26

Monday, September 5

2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 3:6-12

Tuesday, September 6

2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5
Mark 3:13-19

Wednesday,

September 7

2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7
Mark 3:20-27

Thursday,

September 8

Genesis 28:10-17
Ezekiel 43:27-44:4

Proverbs 9:1-11

Luke 1:39-49, 56
2 Corinthians 10:7-18

Mark 3:28-35

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Friday, September 9

2 Corinthians 11:5-21
Mark 4:1-9

Saturday, September

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1 Corinthians 2:6-9
Matthew 10:37-11:1

1 Corinthians 2:6-9

Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, September 11

Mark 16:1-8

Galatians 6:11-18

John 3:13-17

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

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Sunday, September 4

Hieromartyr Gorazd, Bishop of Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia (Serbian, 1942)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, September 5

Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of Saint John the Baptist

Tuesday, September 6

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossæ

Wednesday, September 7

Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
6:00 PM Great Vespers

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



Thursday, September 8

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Friday, September 9

Uncovering of Relics of St. Theodosius, Archbishop of Chernigov (1896)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 10

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
5:00 PM Parish Council Meeting with His Grace the Bishop Daniel
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, September 11

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Hierarchical Liturgy
Coffee Hour