

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Ven. Pelagía the Penitent (457). Ven. Dosiféi (Dositheus), Abbot of Verkneóstrov (Pskov—1482). Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Vyatka (1612). Ven. Thaïs (Taíssia) of Egypt (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Antioch (303). Monk Martyr Ignatius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos—1814). Ven. Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople (1379).

EPISTLES: 2 Corinthians 9:6–11: God loves a cheerful giver.

GOSPELS: Luke 7:11–16: Jesus raises the widow's son.

COFFEE HOUR: This week: Brady **Next week:**

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Fr Joel and Matushka Meg are delighted to welcome their son Herman Edward Brady, born early on Saturday morning. Mother and baby are well. May God grant him many years! Thanks to all who have given support in preparation for this joyous day!

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Due to Herman's birth and Matushka Meg's expected discharge from the hospital on Monday, Divine Liturgy for the commemoration of St. Tikhon will *not* be served on Monday. Weekday morning prayers will resume as normal on Tuesday.

PARISH EDUCATION: Our Tuesday "Know Your Faith" class will be discontinued for the time being, but more parish education opportunities (probably at a different time) will be coming soon. In November we'll have a short series of classes (probably three weeks) on "What Happens During the Liturgy." More details to come soon.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE: At the request of several parishioners, we'll be giving an update on parish finances and considerations for next year on Sunday, Oct 29, after Liturgy. This is not the annual meeting, which will be held early next year, and it is not a meeting to decide the budget. It's for those who are interested to review where we stand and what we'll need to consider moving forward. Please come if you're able.

MEMORIAL SATURDAY: Saturday, October 21 will be a memorial Saturday. Liturgy will be served, with commemoration of names of the departed. Lists of names can be submitted to Fr Joel.

MOTHERS' GROUP: Several of our parish mothers have been holding informal gatherings at the church on Wednesday mornings following Matins, to discuss Christian family life and the

liturgical year. There's still room to join! Please see Danielle if interested.

WELCOME VISITORS! We warmly welcome all of our visitors! Please know that we are glad to have you here praying with us, and we invite you to stay after the service to enjoy a meal and meet everyone in our community.

PRAYER SCROLL

LIVING:

Apr Timothy H
Apr Herman S
Apr Sergius K
Apr Thomas E
Apr Stephen M
Apr John R
Apr Patrick C
Apr Steven V
Pr Michael M
Pr Adam S & Angie
Mother Raphaela
Mother Christophora
Mat Joanna B
Mat Katya
Mat Mary G
Kh Lynn
Mat Rebekah
Pani Amy
Joshua
Brittany
Gretchen
Marianne
Terrence
Helen
Judy
Mary & Susan
John & Carmine
Nathan
Leah

Helen
Lindsey
Elizabeth
Mary
Joe A
Daniel
Andrew & family
Carol
Elizabeth
David
Shirley
Christina
Jim & Kim
Rachel
Constantine & Maria
Gaetan
Christine
Samuel
Lisa
Lyudmila
Nickolay
Anetta
Zachary
Helena
Natasha, Lena, Vera,
Sergei
Caleb
Danielle
Larry, Mark, Katie
Ann

Dorothy
Ronald
Sheryl & Lacey
Alexander, Angela,
Anton
Peter
Gregory & Ann
Raymond
Vincent
Photini
Robert
Steven, Stephanie,
and family
Dianna
Elizabeth
John
Felicia
Tom
Vladimir
Lou
Seraphim & Anna
Micah, Danielle, &
Family
Gregory & Ashley
Petruta
Katherine
Ivan
Elizabeth
Anastasia

Children: Anthony,
Mia, Isabel, Bear,
Victoria, Iva Bell,
Panagiotis, Ada,
Grace, Elias, Jack,
Everett

Seminarians: Dcn
Ivan, Rdr Robert

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:
Namesdays:

REPOSED:

Apr John U
Priest Matthew
Priest John
Apr Alexander
Priest William
Pdn Gregory
Dn Mark
Rdr Gregory
Daniel
Ada
Lillian
Joseph
Marie
Joseph
Laura
Martha
Stanley

Taissia
Steluja
Theophan
Lynda
Florence
James
James R
Vasily
Mordecai
Alexandr
Ron
John
Eleanor
Harold
Alfred
Edward
Michael
Mat Julianna
Mario
Robert
James
Wilhelmina
Barbara
Sr Theophano
Walter
Martha
Olga
Hilarion
Newly Reposed:
Priscilla

BY THE NUMBERS: Last Collection: \$758. Building Fund: \$68. Weekly Budget: \$1150. MTD: \$758. Monthly Budget: \$4600.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Confessions are heard before and after Vespers or by appointment.

Sunday, October 8: 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

Tuesday, October 10: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday, October 11: 8:30 AM Matins

Thursday, October 12: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Friday, October 13: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, October 14: 6 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, October 15: 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou wouldst renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will, but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor, and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only merciful and loving Lord, Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

STATEMENT OF METROPOLITAN TIKHON ON THE TRAGEDY IN LAS VEGAS

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 effected by these tragic events. We ask that all Orthodox Christians remember the victims and their families in their prayers.

Glory to God for all things!

HOLY APOSTLES ORTHODOX CHURCH LANSING, NEW YORK



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. INNOCENT OF ALASKA, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW



St. Innocent was born in 1797 to a poor family in a remote village in a rural area of Irkutsk Province in Russia, and named Ioann (John). He was orphaned at the age of six, and assigned to the seminary at Irkutsk at nine. Shortly after he arrived, the relics of St. Innocent of Irkutsk were found, whose name and apostolic ministry young Ioann later would inherit. He was a hard working and outstanding student, who also was seen as humble and kind, and for these qualities he was given the name of Veniaminov after the late Bishop Veniamin of Irkutsk who was beloved by the faithful.

After he was ordained to the priesthood, he spent a year as a parish priest in Irkutsk, and then volunteered to go into missionary work in Alaska, though many other clergy were afraid to do so, because they had heard it was a wild country filled with dangerous savages. His wife broke into tears when she heard the news of this mission, but was unable to dissuade him, so at age 26, he and his family traveled over 2,000 miles, taking over a year to complete this arduous journey, and arrived finally in the Aleutian Islands in 1824.

He built a church with his own hands, traveled to remote areas by kayak, dog sled, even reindeer. He learned six dialects of the native language and developed the first written alphabet for the native Aleuts. He translated the Bible and other sacred books into their language. Years later, he also translated scriptural books into other Alaskan native languages. He also studied all aspects of the local area, and wrote ethnographic, geographical and linguistic works for which he later was elected an honorary member of the Russian Geographical Society and Moscow Royal University.

He returned to Russia to seek more resources and support for the Alaska mission, where, after his wife died, he took monastic vows and the name Innocent, after Bishop Innocent of Irkutsk. He was later consecrated Bishop, and was assigned to the new see of Kamchatka-kurils and the Aleutian Islands, to which he returned, tirelessly building churches, guiding priests, seeking to bring the Gospel and the Holy Orthodox Church to native peoples of Alaska. He encouraged the use of [local languages], and the use of indigenous clergy.

He was later made Archbishop, and later, having returned to Russia, ultimately became Metropolitan of Moscow, where he continued his missionary zeal, establishing and guiding an Orthodox Missionary Society. He is perhaps especially remembered for his zeal to bring the gospel to the world. The apostolic preaching of Metropolitan Innocent spread to a vast territory including Alaska and Chukotka, the Aleutian, Kurils and Commander Islands, eastern Siberia, the Amur region, Kamchatka and the Far East...

The preaching of the gospel was a primary achievement in the life of Metropolitan Innocent and occupied a special place in his apostolic service. The metropolitan had a great homiletic gift and was a remarkable preacher. He never missed an opportunity to preach and talk to people and tirelessly instructed his clergy to do the same.

Source: <http://www.allsaintsofamerica.org/innocent/>

ST. TIKHON OF MOSCOW AND HIS GIFT TO AMERICA

On September 26/October 9, the Orthodox Church commemorates the 1989 glorification of New Hiero-confessor Tikhon (Bellavin), patriarch of Moscow and all Russia. St. Tikhon is of course best remembered as the first Patriarch of Russia, elected in 1918, since the 1721 abolition of the patriarchate by Peter I. He guided the Church as a firm and steady anchor during the early years of the communist regime, suffering imprisonment in Donskoy Monastery from 1922 to 1923 for opposing the government's confiscation of Church property. He entered into repose on the great feast of Annunciation in 1925 and is considered a confessor of the Orthodox faith.

Before taking up the yoke of arch-pastor for the entire Russian nation, St. Tikhon served as a missionary bishop in the burgeoning American mission. He was appointed as bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska in 1898 and he traveled throughout America, visiting parishes, comforting the faithful, and consecrating new parishes. In 1905 he was raised to the dignity of archbishop and he relocated the center of the diocese to New York, before being called back to Russia in 1907.



One of his great and lasting achievements in America is surely the founding of St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, PA in 1905, named for his own patron, St. Tikhon the Wonderworker of Zadonsk. St. Tikhon's is the oldest Orthodox monastery in America and throughout its 110 years, while it has known highs and lows, it has become a center of Orthodoxy in America, offering up countless liturgies and prayers as sweet incense before the throne of God, enjoying the presence of many saints, and, along with the seminary established in 1938, molding and refining innumerable servants of Christ's Church in the form of monastics, clergymen, and hierarchs. Every year the monastic, seminary, and parish community of St. Tikhon's commemorates the Sunday nearest to St. Tikhon's October 9th feast as its "Founder's Day" with a festive liturgy and meal, to which all are warmly welcomed.

St. Tikhon's is home to a rich history and a great many "treasures" of Orthodoxy, some known, some relatively unknown, which stand as a testament to the prayers and labors of our American apostle, St. Tikhon, and his continuing heavenly protection.

From Jesse Dominick's Article "St. Tikhon of Moscow's Gift to America" at <http://orthochristian.com/86627.html>. The full article describes many of the treasures of American Orthodox history to be found at St Tikhon's Monastery.

WEEKLY HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Troparion, Tone 1 (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the ^Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your ^Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Troparion, Tone 8 (Venerable Pelagia)

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away
but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.//
Therefore your spirit, venerable Pelagía, rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion, Tone 1 (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion, Tone 2 (Venerable Pelagia)

You wore out your body through fasting, vigils, and prayer
beseeching the Creator to forgive your deeds completely.
You achieved this, O holy Mother Pelagía,
thereby showing up the way to repentance.

Prokeimenon, Tone 1

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!
v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.
v: :He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

VENERABLE PELAGIA THE PENITENT

Saint Pelagia the Penitent was converted to Christianity by Saint Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa (Saturday of Cheesefare Week). Before her acceptance of Christianity through Baptism, Pelagia was head of a dance troupe in Palestinian Antioch, living a life of frivolity and prostitution. One day Pelagia, elegantly dressed, was making her way past a church where Saint Nonnus was preaching a sermon. Believers turned their faces away from the sinner, but the bishop glanced after her. Struck by the outer beauty of Pelagia and having foreseen the spiritual greatness within her, the saint prayed in his cell for a long time to the Lord for the sinner. He told his fellow bishops that the prostitute put them all to shame. He explained that she took great care to adorn her body in order to appear beautiful in the eyes of men. “We... take no thought for the adornment of our wretched souls,” he said. On the following day, when Saint Nonnus was teaching in the church about the dread Last Judgment and its consequences, Pelagia came. The teaching made a tremendous impression upon her. With the fear of God and weeping tears of repentance, she asked the saint for Baptism. Seeing her sincere and full repentance, Bishop Nonnus baptized her. By night the devil appeared to Pelagia, urging her to return to her former life. The saint prayed, signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and the devil vanished. Three days after her baptism, Saint Pelagia gathered up her valuables and took them to Bishop Nonnus. The bishop ordered that they be distributed among the poor saying, “Let this be wisely dispersed, so that these riches gained by sin may become a wealth of righteousness.” After this Saint Pelagia journeyed to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. She lived there in a cell, disguised as the monk Pelagius, living in ascetic seclusion, and attaining great spiritual gifts. When she died, she was buried in her cell.

Source: *DCA.org*

St Nikolai (Velimirović), in his Prologue of Ochrid, gives a fuller account of Bishop Nonnus' speech on seeing Pelagia before her conversion:

“In truth, I have learned much from this woman. The Lord will set her before His Dread Judgment and will rebuke us through her. How many hours does this woman spend in her room bathing herself, clothing herself, adorning herself, and looking at herself in the mirror—and for what? Only to appear more beautiful to men. And we, who have the immortal Bridegroom in heaven, do not strive to adorn our souls with repentance; we do not hasten to bathe them with the tears of repentance and clothe them in the beauty of the virtues, that they might appear more beautiful before the eyes of God!”

