

Parish News

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SPRING 2018



Sunday of Orthodoxy, children marched with icons.



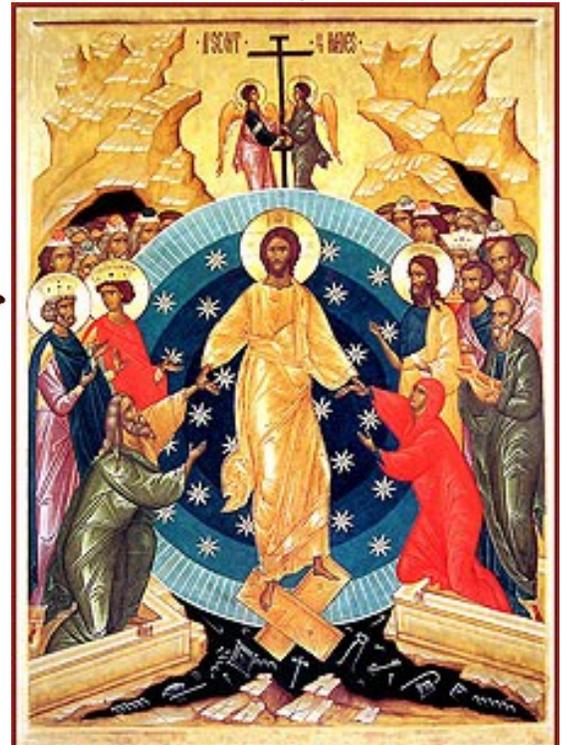
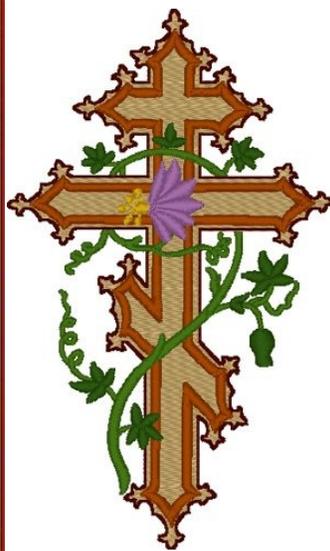
Palm Sunday outdoor procession with pussy willows & palm branches.



Holy Friday



Holy Pascha



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To manifest the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the Eastern Orthodox Christian Faith for the healing and salvation of the community



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Arctic Care 2018

I had the tremendous opportunity to participate in a military humanitarian exercise in Alaska last April. The mission of this exercise was to bring medical care to U.S. citizens in impoverished areas. The Navy rotates among three locations in Alaska on a tri-annual basis. This year we were above the Arctic Circle.

Our team consisted of doctors, dentists, nurses, medical administrators, veterinarians, medics, dental technicians, pharmacists, medical corpsman and two chaplains. Over 100 personnel were assigned to one of twelve villages. I was assigned to the main village and headquarters with the opportunity to fly via helicopter to smaller villages if needed. I did fly one day to two villages in order to counsel a service member who experienced a death in the family.

The purpose of this exercise was twofold: recurrent training for medical personnel in a field setting and the delivery of medical care to citizens lacking regular care.

Our daily schedule was long but rewarding. Most days included around ten hours of clinical care to patients, supplemented by training sessions, physical exercise and personal time for rest. Most meals were purchased either in the hospital cafeteria or at area restaurants. Those staying in remote villages were "treated" to MRE's (packaged military meals). Not my first choice!

My job as chaplain was to provide spiritual care to our service members and the patients we served. I conducted two Sunday services, two presentations to military personnel about chaplaincy, over 30 counseling sessions and several meetings with exercise commanders.

There was some time to take in the local culture including a dogsled race, snow machine race, ice fishing, Northern Lights, a community potluck, and native song and dance. I ate whale and caribou stew.

To my surprise, the native people were not Orthodox, rather they are majority Quaker. This was the result of missionary activities in the late nineteenth century. Most natives receive a stipend from the federal government and work for native associations to provide for their families.

As a result of our efforts, over 4,000 patients were treated, resulting in over \$450,000 in comparable services. Some individuals, especially those treated by our specialists, were referred for follow up treatments in Anchorage. It was a true joy to work alongside such outstanding, military professionals. Their dedication to service should make every American proud.

Although this mission was challenging, I look forward to returning to Alaska next year (if selected). This beautiful land of St. Herman is breathtaking and the people are warm and welcoming. May all the Alaskan Saints intercede for all who live there and for us!



U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard & Air Force members joined by Canadian forces.



Ice fishing on the Arctic Ocean. Fr. Herman did not catch any fish. Sun shining bright around 10:00pm.

Father Herman Kincaid



These helicopters were used to transport personnel to area villages. Fr. Herman visited two villages.



The Tikvin Icon, right, was kept safe first by Bishop John, then by Fr. Garklavs for many years at Holy Trinity Cathedral until 2003 when it was returned to its home, Dormition Monastery, in Russia. In 2016



Bishop Paul welcomed the thank you gift, pictured on the left, the likeness of original but with created gem stones on the riza (covering). Bishop Paul calls the new icon "The Flagship Icon of the Diocese Of the Midwest" and wants it to appear at every future Dioscean function.



Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Paul led the Midwest Clergy Convocation that was held in Darian, IL. on May 7, 8, & 9. They had Liturgy at our church on Tuesday morning.



MEMORY ETERNAL



Helen Glowaty, nee Harvis, fell asleep in the Lord on March 9, 2018, loving wife of the late Edward, loving mother of Linda and the late Donna, aunt of Joanne Nacik, was a long time parishioner of our church. We remember her bringing her daughter to church every Sunday, always sitting in the second row, until illness kept her home bound.



Peter Mihalkanin, Army veteran, fell asleep in the Lord March 17, 2018. He was a long time benefactor of our church, being one of the original donors of the iconography and the pews needed in our new building. He was a long time member of our choir. Our sympathy to his wife Helen, sons Robert and Jason and their families, and to his sister Helen Koranda. His other sister was the late Mary Lazo .



Dr. Angela Zekios gave a recent talk at our church on Feb. 3 on advanced directives, palliative and hospice care and family involvement in end of life care. Fr. Herman also answered questions pertaining to pastoral care on this topic.



Gail & Bob Lovero celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on the Island of Granada.



Paul Gurnic earns top Boy Scout Award



Only 4% of Boy Scouts are awarded the distinction of receiving the Eagle Scout Award. It takes years to fulfill the requirements, including earning at least 21 merit badges. Gerald Ford was the only Eagle Scout to become president, although John F. Kennedy was the first Boy Scout to become president.



The Eagle Scout presentation to be held at a later date.



Paul Gurnic Awarded Chi-Rho Medal
On April 3, 2018, Paul Gurnic was awarded the Chi-Rho award. This is the second of three awards available to Scouts in the Eastern Orthodox religious growth program.



After Nocturnes, Matins and Liturgy, Fr. Herman blessed the parishioner's baskets and then we enjoyed a pot-luck Agape Meal.



Nicholas Moore was enrolled in classes at NIU, but decided that he wanted to pursue his education toward his chosen career in law enforcement. He quit school and got a job in security at a hospital. When he reaches the age of 21, he can apply for police work. Of course his mom Laura hopes that he will eventually get a college degree, but right now he is following his heart.



Larissa Ogurkiewicz is enrolled at Columbia College in Chicago, majoring in Graphic Design. On Sundays, she is the 3rd Grade teacher of our Church School. She herself was a student in our program since she was 3 years old, and has loved it so much, that she welcomed the opportunity to become one of our teachers. She also designed the classroom banner. Larissa also manages to work at a weekend sales position.

DID U KNOW



Our Creative Oceans Can do These Things? Such powerful waves. If the guy wasn't in the photo, this would look like a painting.



July 3, 2017 New beach suddenly formed off N.C.'s Outer Banks. Named Shelly Island, it's 1 mile long.



Glowing Blue Tides. Certain beaches in Puerto Rico & San Diego glow at night is caused by bioluminescent phytoplankton and jellyfish.



The Glass Beach, Ussuri Bay, Russia, safe for children.



In the Soviet era this site was used as a dumping ground by a porcelain factory. After many years the sea smoothed away the sharp edges into a dream landscape of jewels instead of stones.



Fr. Herman's daughter, Ella had her hair cut to donate to a charity.



Our Wonderful Volunteers March 17 FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



On Lazarus Saturday we wrapped pussy willows & palms. Thanks to Rusty & Dorothy Mihalko for the branches & Mary Raschke for cutting the branches this year, & to all who helped tie them.

Thanks to the "0" Club for again wrapping the red eggs to be handed out on Pascha.

The children enjoyed various activities on their retreat that included painting and baking a delicious treat, called Resurrection Buns or Tomb Rolls..



Children's Easter

Egg Hunt



Forgiveness Vespers



Holy Friday Procession of Body of Christ



Presanctified Liturgy at our church with Bishop Paul & other clergy.



Holy Friday Tomb of Christ



Holy Wednesday Anointing



Holy Saturday, Fr. Passes the Holy Fire.



When some of us were kids, a week off from school in the Spring was called "Clean-Up Week", and we actually not only cleaned our homes, but we also cleaned our neighborhoods too. The current more popular idea of "Spring Break" probably comes from the 1958 book "Where the Boys Are", and the 1980 event when thousands of college students went to Ft. Lauderdale. Movies were made of this idea of having a wild time. Some colleges started calling this time off "Easter Break", or "Easter Vacation". Surprisingly, there are still local communities that observe "Clean-Up Week" and they actually involve cleaning. There



is the global idea too, of cleaning, of not wasting, of protecting, of going green. It's a save the world movement for future generations. The idea has

grown from just CLEAN UP to CONSERVE, RECYCLE, GO GREEN! On June 5, 2018 India will host World Environment Day. The photo is of a group in Israel volunteering to clean their beaches.

Visitors at our church



Visitors from Eve Assisted Living, on March 26, where our parishioner Lil Gula lives.



On March 8, about 125 students from Naperville High School visited our church. They are studying "Comparative Religions" and will be visiting other churches. One of the teachers is shown with Fr. Herman.

CALENDAR

- JUNE 4—FEAST OF PENTECOST
17—FATHER'S DAY
29—APOSTLES ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
- JULY 7—14 YOCAMA Mission trip to Navajo Nation, N. M.
20—23—"O" CLUB, FOCA NAT'L CONVENTION, ST. LOUIS, MO.
23—27—19TH ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL, ST. LOUIS, MO.
- AUG 6—TRANSFIGURATION
12—CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS
15—DORMITION
29—BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPIST
- SEPT 9—CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS
ALL PARISH PHOTO
29—ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: STONEY CREEK , OAK LAWN



NOT YOUR USUAL ELEPHANT PHOTOS



Two people sit astride each elephant playing Polo, the trainer and the player. Mallets are 6.6' long, and women are allowed to use both hands to wield their mallet. Elephants are the national animal of Thailand.

Macy's stores across the country hold an Annual Flower Show, sometimes even including a statue of an elephant.



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