

Parish News

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Remembering Archbishop JOB



On Friday, December 18, 2009, our beloved Archbishop JOB unexpectedly fell asleep in the Lord. He was found dead inside his car parked in a motel lot in Maumee, Ohio. According to reports he had been complaining of chest congestion in recent weeks and was on his way back to Chicago for a doctor's appointment.

The Archbishop was head of the Chicago and Midwest Diocese, which stretched from North Dakota to the western border of Pennsylvania, but our church, St. Peter and St. Paul, now located in Burr Ridge,

was his home Church. He came to Orthodoxy at our Church at it's old location in Chicago.

Arch bishop JOB was born Richard John Osacky on March 18, 1946 to a Catholic father and an Orthodox mother. He was baptized Catholic, but attended our church with his mother, where he was received into the Orthodox faith at the age of 16.

He attended St. Rita High School, Northern Illinois University and St. Tikhon's Seminary.

At the seminary, he began writing icons to earn extra cash for expenses. His work was not that of a casual painter, but of a gifted painter who had great skill and insight. A few years ago some of his large pieces were shown at the Museum of Science and Industry in an Orthodox show of iconography.

He was also talented musically and composed Russian chants. In fact, music occupied more and more of his time in recent years.

In 1970, Archbishop JOB was ordained a priest and later assigned to a parish in Black Lick, PA. He became a monk and took the name JOB in 1975.

In 1982, he was elected Bishop of Hartford and the diocese of New England. In 1993, he returned to his hometown after being elevated to Archbishop and enthroned at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

He was a modest man, truthful, prayerful, gentle, unassuming and he had a great sense of humor. He was also intuitive and could catch the true nature of any given situation.

He loved picnics at his parishes, visiting his flock and seeing what children were doing at summer camps. He really was a member of the family at each and everyone of his parishes and he will truly be missed.

He had planned to retire in 2011 and wanted to spend time

reading scriptures, writing icons and working out his own salvation. Distant travel certainly wasn't on his agenda as he had an aversion to flying. He always drove to wherever he had to go.

Well over 200 priests, Metropolitan Jonah and at least a dozen Bishops attended the funeral vigil in Chicago. In addition, 40 priests

lead by Bishop Melchisedek attended the burial service in Black Lick, Pa. where he first served the priesthood. (The icons were written by Archbishop JOB.)

May his Memory be Eternal!



At the luncheon that followed the 10 year Memorial Service, many shared special memories of Bishop Job.

MISSION STATEMENT: To live and share the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, ministries and service.

VISION STATEMENT: Grow God's family, experience God's transformative love and develop dynamic disciples of Christ.

Parish Development Ministry Leader – Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, By Joseph Kormos,

Sunday morning soccer (or sports in general) and its ability to pull youth away from church is a concern of priests and parents. What should be done? How should this be handled? Insights from Five Orthodox Priests: How Do You Handle This? We contacted seasoned Orthodox priests at five reasonably vibrant and growing parishes to determine how they view and deal with this issue. Their responses offer some common ideas as well as differing approaches and insights. We've reproduced portions of their feedback below.

Priest 1-What are Your Priorities? This priest poses a few tough, even confrontational, questions for parents and children: "What comes next (after giving in to sports) in terms of Christian retreat? Given that worship is Orthodoxy's primary mission, is the sacrifice worth it? How many Sunday's will have to pass until it is worth it? In the game of life, all life, how does soccer (or anything else secular) stack up?"

Priest 2-Here it is. You decide. "I announce what is going on this Sunday (or any day), strongly encourage participation, and then let parishioners decide. I find some people to be immutable and most people will pick and choose the direction they prefer. Sometimes some follow my direction. I strive to make the fullness of Christ as present as possible in the community."

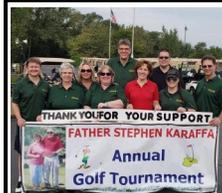
Priest 3-Involve Kids in Decision; the Church Cares About You: "We've had a few families in recent years who have had church attendance affected by sports. Co- incidentally (I think) these were families who took their church life more seriously so it was easy to work with them. At the same time, I have had several kids drop out of regular church attendance with no sports excuse, so sometimes I wonder if sport should really take all the rap for something that seems to be happening at that age to a degree anyway. What I found was that by sitting down with the kids themselves, it was a window to establish a bit of a relationship with the kids... to show that the church cared about their world, not just that they were expected to care only about the church. In two cases, with supportive families, we gave them a blessing to be absent Sundays (fortunately neither kid was involved in more than one sport so the season didn't go on forever), and on those weekends, to come to Vespers. It might sound like a low standard but it worked pretty well, I thought. Kids are invested heavily in these things, sometimes, socially and in other ways, and I sometimes think the church has a lot to gain with those kids by showing it takes their lives and aspirations seriously enough to work around it, and not just treat it as the enemy. So, perhaps too low of a standard, but it has worked well for us, in my opinion." At age four this young man loves to go to church. How will he react at age 12?

Priest 4-Give a Little; Make a Few Exceptions, Make the Rule Clear: "When our kids had Sunday morning games my wife and I generally allowed them to participate, since they were occasional. We carefully explained that this was an exception, and that they should never expect that we would permit this weekly and they would attend Saturday vigil on those occasions. Twenty years later, both are active in the church with Orthodox spouses and Orthodox children. Allowing them to participate in a Sunday morning game a dozen or so times when they were kids obviously did not push them out of the Church, and by explaining clearly our feelings about it, they knew exactly where we stood...In the wash, forcing a kid to go to church, only to have him or her fume throughout the entire Liturgy, walk in and out a dozen times, hang out in the rest room, and brandish his or her displeasure publicly, will do more to insure that they stop going to church when they get older than letting them attend a few — operative here is "a few" — Sunday morning events with the well- reasoned parenting line, "This is NOT the norm, so don't push it with us...I wouldn't suggest this approach to everyone, especially the lukewarm who complain about Sunday sports but

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Fr. Herman & Laura Bilas Moore attended the Diocesan Assembly in Ohio Oct. 7-8. Fr. Herman was appointed to the open position of Diocesan Secretary left open by the passing of Fr. John Matuiak. The position of Director of Communications for the Diocese is still open. Also, the Assembly approved the transfer of the Diocesan offices and Bishop's residence to Archangel Michael Church in Burbank. Mrs. Moore's full report will be presented at our next annual meeting in Feb. 2020.



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
This year's Golf Outing included the celebrity

couple Dan & Gina Hampton. Lots of photos taken, lots of good golf, wonderful food. A good time for all, and our highest golf outing profit to date! Thank you to all who participated in any way.



Fr. Herman had a meeting at our church of the OCCA on Sept. 10.

We are supporting their Annual Christmas Gift Drive for the 6th year to bring joy to the children living in foster homes.

Over the last 5 years we have provided 155 children with joy and we are providing for 34 additional children this year. Thank you to Bonnie Kriescher for always chairing this event.



drive their kids to the field instead of the main aisle. A key point is that parents need to be parents. If you want your kids in church bring them to church regularly."

Priest 5-Look First at Our Parishes: "People choosing not to attend (for whatever reason —soccer or other) might be an indicator of who we are and what we offer — or fail to offer. Maybe the burden is on us as a parish and on the Orthodox Church to make Sunday Liturgy a blessing for which the people are thankful. The fault may be ours not theirs. Maybe we're too busy paying attention to the past to notice the people of God who are wanting to bless God and be blessed by Him in their lives in 21st century America — rather than in 18th Century rural Russia or Greece."



Fr. Herman is very involved with this ministry. At the very special THANKSGIVING-style dinner, the attendees got to hear about the new ways that the organization works to serve women in need. There were 10 at the dinner from our church. From reports we heard that it was a really nice event.

Navajo Mission Trip



Back Row: Deacon Dave, Colin Treanor, Caleb Kenny, Fr. Herman Front Row: Danielle Boehm, Sonya Dremak, Ella & Andrew Kincaid. Thank you to all who donated to the cost of this trip. Wonderful presentation given to us



Polina Smak danced in the Salt Creek Ballet in an Arabian dance from the Nutcracker. Besides their usual 3 venues, this year they also performed at the College of DuPage.



The Youth Group treated us one Sunday Fabulous job. Thank you.



Oct. 19, Fr. Herman, Dn. Dave Kenny, Barry Koncel, Leah Gurnic, Kristy Brown, Linda Wanaski & Shirley Bryar attended the 25th Annual Synergy Symposium at St. Demetrio's Church in Elmhurst. We especially liked the third presentation, where the audience got to ask questions of the speaker, Steve Christoforou, or they shared stories of their lives. Topic of presentation was: WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE GOD ISN'T THERE.



On Oct. 23, Lill Gula and her friends from Eve Assisted Living visited us. We had a shortened Memorial Service for their departed and refreshments.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER THE HOLY FIRE AND THE SPLIT PILLAR

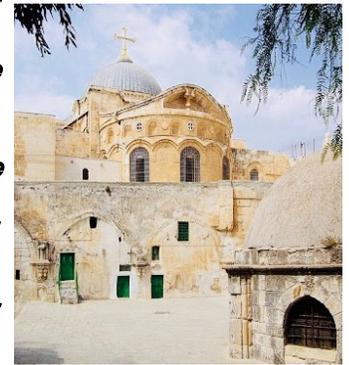
According to written sources, the pillar was split by the Holy Fire in 1579 when Turkish guards barred entry to the people and the Patriarch from entering the church on Holy Saturday. The Patriarch said a prayer as he stood by this



column, and suddenly the column split and the Holy Fire leapt out

of the Interior. The Patriarch immediately lit his candle. Within minutes, the sacred flame spread to all those present. The awestruck guards then opened the doors of the church and the Patriarch, along with all the faithful poured into the Holy Sepulcher.

The Patriarch now enters the Church of the Holy Sepulchre just by walking across the second story roof from his residence.



Oct 18 we had a visit from the Students of Naperville North High School. They are studying Comparative Religions. There are 3 classes, and 3 different teachers here. It's wonderful, that in this time of declining church attendance all across America that Naperville students have such large classes, and student interest in religion. Fr. Herman is in the middle of the back row.

Delgado Baptism

25th Anniversary



Yes, that's our Haley Brown, top center York High School Cheer Leader. Wow, she is so brave.

Hellene Delgado sent us the September 29 Baptism photo of her son Darwin Delgado.

Barry & Deb Koncel celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Below: 1. Pre-Lenten dinner. 2. Games at the dinner.



Women's Group mailing packages to our college student parishioners



The children sent messages to the college kids



3. The Kincaid's. 4. Linda Ciolino with Grand Daughter Layla. 5. Linda's Grand Daughter Daisy.



6. Nate, Ella and Sammy. 7. Service Project by our Church School children. They assembled Blessing Bags & included short Biblical verses that they wrote. Then they were offered to parishioners to keep in their cars to hand out to anyone in need.



October 27, Fall Fun for the Kids: Pumpkin painting, Pirate Bouncy House, S'mores and Hot Dogs!



2nd Annual Pet Blessing



Something rather miraculous happened to this photo. Who is getting the blessing? Fr. Herman or the dogs?



We had really big dogs and little dogs, but they all got along with each other, just wanted to make friends.



Matushka Jessica with Sammy. We didn't recognize him with his new haircut.



Joey, on the right can't hear or see too well anymore, but he is still beautiful.



The Pet Blessing was a beautiful day not just for the dogs, but for the families too.

END OF SUMMER CARNIVAL





VETERANS DAY | NOVEMBER 11



We salute those who served in uniform: Matthew Adams, Joseph Banchak, Bob Ciolino, Alex Demetzensky, Alex Demetzensky II, Ed Dettloff, James Dremak, Larissa Gurnic, Mike Halko, Ken Juhas, Annie Lynch, Ervin Mihalko, John Nacik, John Obmascik, Duke Jovanovich, Richard Palandech, Charles Pinkowski, Daniel Prokop, John Ruiz, Joseph Stefanisin, Nick Sutko, Jon Tsakopoulos, Hans Taulien & David Wanaski.

OUR PRIEST IS ALSO A MILITARY MAN



Our priest is also a Navy Chaplain. In order to remain a member of the military, he is required to keep fit and must take a twice yearly physical by the Navy



plus he has to do a series of pushups, and sit-ups, and run 1-1/2 timed miles at these physical exams.

CHURCH REPAIRS

By: John Repljuk, Parish Council Member



Before

Our parish roof which was twenty-two years old was replaced this May. We reviewed three bid proposals and selected Clem Davis Co.



After

Inc. to do a complete tear off and installation of roofing shingles, gutters and downspouts. Installation included a six foot ice and water shield membrane used on eaves, valleys and around any stacks. All existing flashings were checked and a synthetic underlayment material then covered the entire decking followed by a base architectural shingle, Natural Expressions Copper Canyon. Atlas the manufacturer of the roofing shingles provided a 15 year non-prorated warranty on materials and workmanship. Additionally they also offer a 25 year non-prorated warranty for algae protection. The roofing shingles are rated for wind resistance to 130 mph and have a limited 50 year prorated warranty. They also installed 6 inch K-style aluminum gutters, over-sized downspouts in Terra Tone and then re-caulked windows in the roof. The total cost of the project was \$31,325. Any donations towards this project are welcome.



Chicago is named "Best Big City" third year in a row by readers of Condé Nast magazine. Our church started in Chicago in 1932 at a place where many of us walked to church. We also had public transportation right in front of our church. As our parishioners moved to the suburbs, so did we in 1997, but we will always have found memories of the city where we got our start.

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