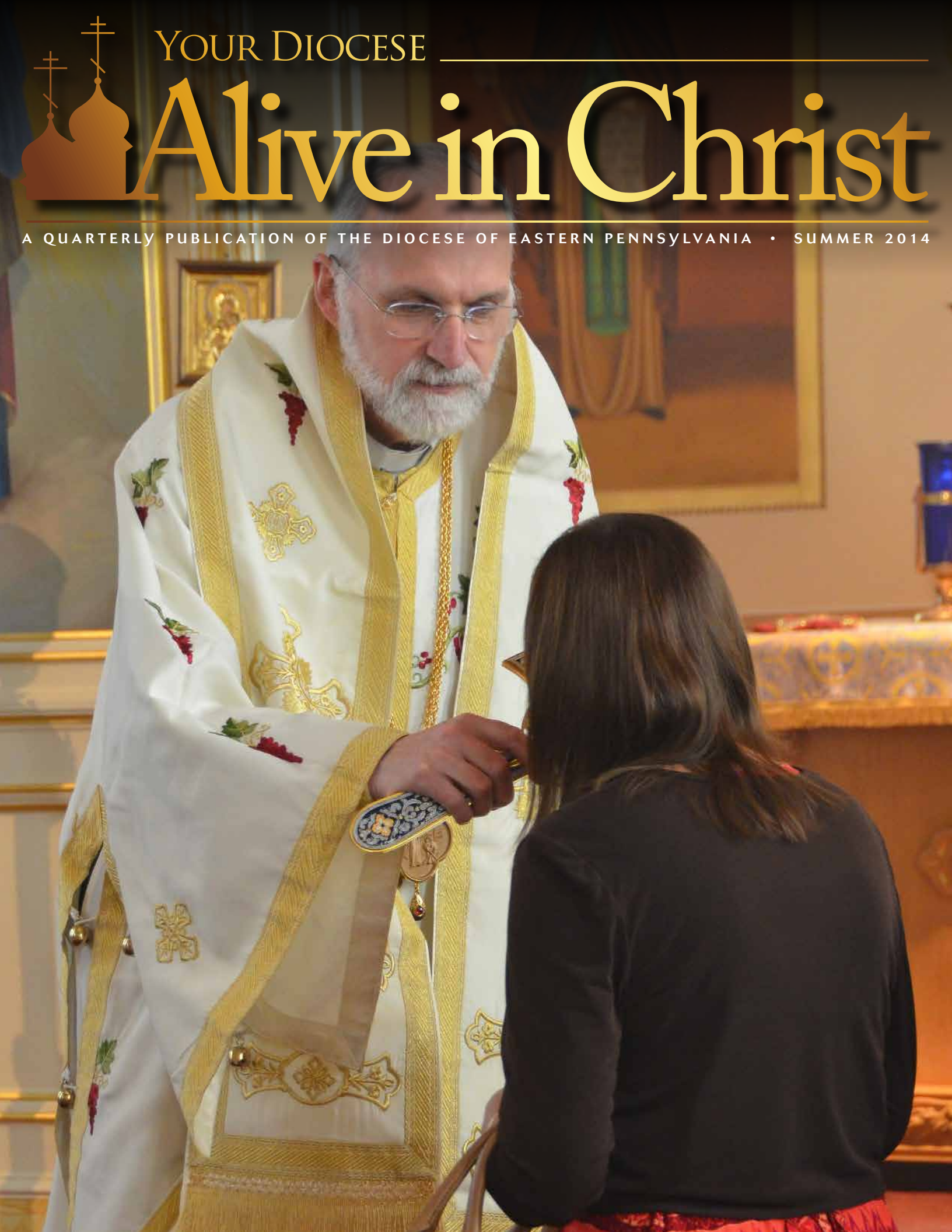




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Alive in Christ

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

What a very busy spring and summer!

The Diocese was truly Alive in Christ the past few months. For many parishioners, a new chapter in their life has begun, and they are moving on to school, military service, or careers. Congratulations on your achievement! This does not mean your life with the Church has come to its completion! Rather, it is the beginning - a time to get involved, and continue your spiritual journey.

Yet again the Communications Department has received an abundance of photos, stories and announcements. Hopefully this is a sign that we are moving in the right direction. The Diocesan website continues to have a growing amount of visitors. Is YOUR parish represented? Are YOUR good deeds, services, and Orthodox Fellowship being shared? It is time to look within and see if YOU have the means to take photos, write a short article, and share the Good News of your efforts. More and more Parishes are realizing the fruits of this labor - is yours?



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Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

As this is my first article for “Alive in Christ,” since the election and enthronement, perhaps getting to know one another better is the best way to proceed. Since arriving in November of 2012, my schedule has been filled with parish visits. Some of our faithful were initially suspicious and wondered why I was visiting as they were not accustomed to an annual visit by the Hierarch. Several clergy explained to me, that they only saw a Bishop for an anniversary or when there were problems. Each Bishop has his own way of doing things and now the priests and faithful understand it is simply my way of getting to know them and what I consider to be my responsibility. Thank God the greetings now are much more gracious, warm and welcoming.

In the Orthodox Church, every priest is authorized by the Bishop to be his representative to the local parish and community. Visitations to the parishes, the Diocesan Assemblies, the Diocesan Council Meetings, Deanery Meetings, Continuing Education, Parish Anniversaries and such have allowed limited opportunities to begin building relationships with a number of clergy and faithful. Yet, as your father in Christ, little opportunity has been available to actually meet with the parish leadership and the parishioners or to observe how the clergy, the council and faithful interact. My favorite part of the week is the time spent with the faithful. It makes all that I do during the week worth the time and energy. Consequently, driving in for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning and staying for a brief coffee hour is not sufficient for getting to know each of you and your parish better. This takes time. We need to talk so that I can learn how to better help you to go about doing the work of the Church.

As the Church founded by our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ we, each and every one of us, has a high calling and a responsibility to be His ambassadors to the local community. We need to clearly delineate between how we support the church and the work of the Church. As Orthodox Christians living in North America and outside a traditional Orthodox culture, we must make every effort to not only learn our Faith, but to live out our Faith. As St. John the Theologian says, “Let us not love in word only, but in deed and truth.” We live in a post-Christian society and we need to embrace those who have been abandoned by their own faith communities which betrayed the Gospel and chose the path of political correctness. Our parishes, while remembering who came before us must be open to sharing the Gospel message with those around us and welcoming them into God’s House.

The world has changed vastly from what it was for the first immigrants. As with any organization, perhaps our Diocese needs to take pause and evaluate what we have become accustomed to doing and look deep inside and ask is this the work Christ called us to do. Why are so many parishes not thriving? Which parishes are growing? How and why? While we are grateful to those who minister to our youth, we must ask why 80% of those going away to college fall away from the church. This is a national statistic and is happening to all Christian communions, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox.

As we continue to get to know one another and have open and frank conversation about what needs to happen for all of our parishes to be strong, healthy and vibrant, we can move beyond words to action.

+ Mark

+MARK

Bishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania



June 1, 2014 - The Diocesan Council met at St. Mark's in Wrightstown.



August 19, 2014 - The Diocesan Council met at Christ the Saviour in Harrisburg.



ARCHPRIEST LEONID KISHKOVSKY GUEST SPEAKER FOR CLERGY RETREAT

His Grace, Bishop MARK and clergy from around the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania gathered at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Jermyn for a retreat on May 15, 2014. Archpriest Leonid Kishkovsky, Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations of the Orthodox Church in America and Editor of The Orthodox Church publication, was the guest speaker.



WILKES-BARRE DEANERY CLERGY VISITS OUTREACH CENTER

Deanery Clergy from the Wilkes-Barre Deanery met at the Saint Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary Outreach Center on Friday, June 12th. The outreach center is located at 932 Robinson Street in Scranton, PA. It is managed by Michael and Arlene Pasonick, and the outreach center distributes over 100 meals each week to local residents.

BISHOP MARK REPRESENTS OCA IN RUSSIA

During the week of July 14-18, 2014, His Grace, Bishop MARK travelled to Russia as the official representative of the Orthodox Church in America at the celebration of the 700th Anniversary of the St. Sergius Lavra.



May 11, 2014 - St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Coaldale, PA recognized Olga and Ben Macalush who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.



June 29, 2014 - Holy Trinity in Pottstown welcomed guest speaker Cranford Coulter, founder of the homeless ministry "The King's Jubilee" in Philadelphia.

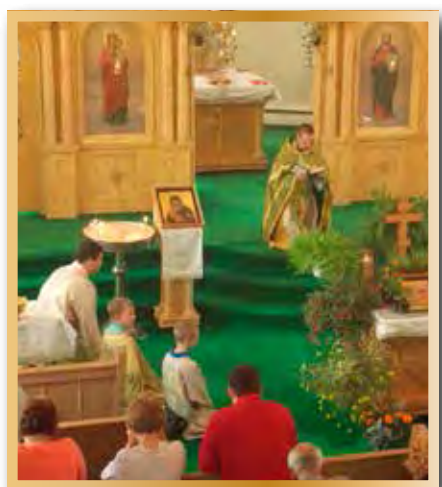


July 1, 2014 - All Saints in Olyphant recently recognized the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Stephen and Pat Stafursky.



May 11, 2014 - St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Coaldale, PA recognized Matushka Lovey and Very Reverend Paul Ropitsky for their 49th wedding anniversary. God Grant them Many Years!

PENTECOST



The Feast of Pentecost - Sunday, June 9, 2014, Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church in Berwick, PA.



June 9, 2014 - St. Michael's in Mt. Carmel Welcomes Father Theophan Mackey, Matushka Kristi, Maya, and Kyra.



The Feast of Pentecost - Sunday, June 9, 2014, Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Harrisburg, PA.



The Feast of Pentecost - Sunday, June 9, 2014, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, PA.



The Feast of Pentecost - Holy Apostles' Orthodox Mission in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Dr.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



Holy Trinity in Stroudsburg, founded in 1976, celebrated their parish feast day on Sunday, June 8th - the Great Feast of Pentecost. Following the Divine Liturgy, the faithful processed outside to pray and offer thanks to the Lord at each of the four sides of the Church. Through the support and love of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, Holy Trinity is a strong and growing presence of the Orthodox Faith in the Poconos.



August 15, 2014 - Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, PA commemorated the Feast of the Dormition. Following Divine Liturgy, flowers were blessed as is tradition.



August 6, 2014 - Holy Trinity Orthodox in Pottstown celebrated the Feast of Transfiguration with the blessing of fruit.

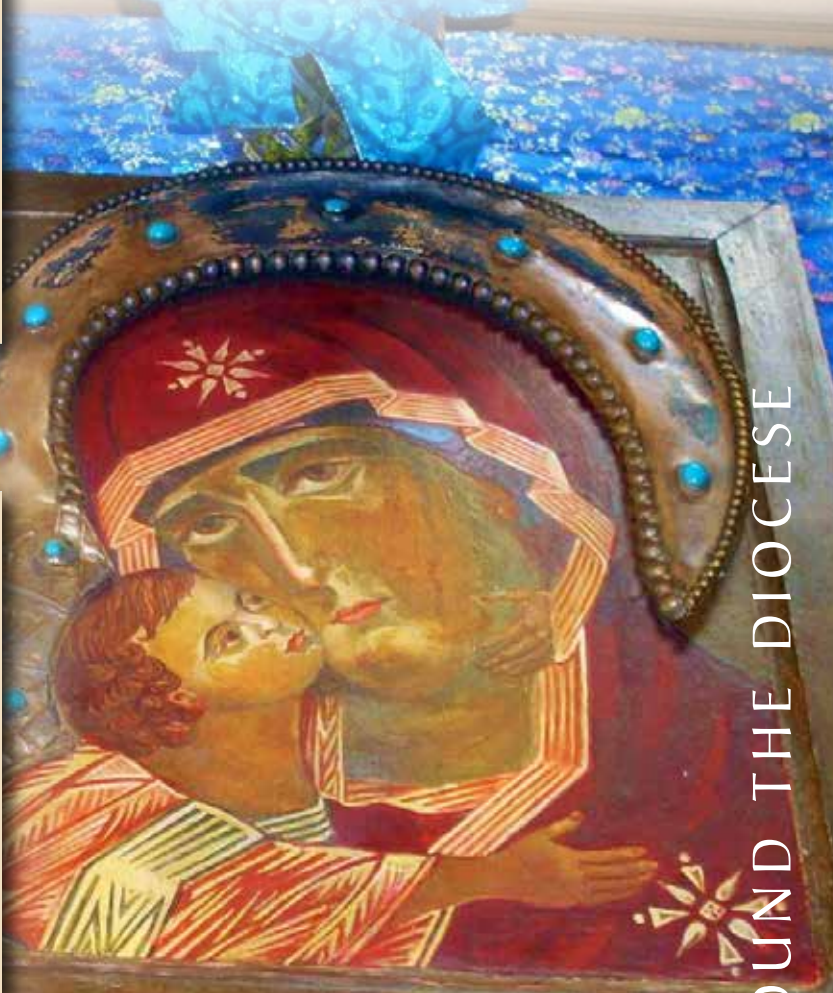


August 14, 2014 - On the Eve of Dormition, Holy Trinity Church in Pottstown commemorated the feast with lamentations and a procession, followed by the traditional blessing of flowers.



August 15, 2014 - Holy Cross Parishioner Seminarian Ed Hunter was tonsured as a Reader on the feast of the Dormition at St Tikhon's Monastery.

Transfiguration and Dormition



AROUND THE DIOCESE

August 15, 2014 - The faithful of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Stroudsburg, PA commemorated the Feast of the Dormition with Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Flowers.



Christ the Saviour softball team wins 4th Consecutive Championship - On Tuesday, July 15th the Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church (Harrisburg) softball team won its 4th consecutive league softball championship (10th overall).



June 11, 2014 - Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church in Berwick, PA held their annual church picnic at Briar Creek.



June 15, 2014 - the faithful of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Jermyn held their annual Indoor Summer Picnic.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SUMMER FUN

Summer Events Around the Diocese



July 1, 2014 - Frackville Deanery Clergy families gathered in Minersville for a Picnic.



July 27, 2014 - In conjunction with the 110th anniversary year of St. Nicholas Church in Olyphant, PA, a parish picnic was held at the home of Bill and Marie Evanina following Divine Liturgy.



August 23, 2014 - St. John the Baptist in Edwardsville welcomed friends and family from as far away as Hawaii to enjoy delicious home made ethnic dishes and enjoy an afternoon of Orthodox fellowship.



June 11, 2014 - Holy Annunciation's Sunday School held their annual end of the school year ice-cream social with about 60 children in attendance. Firefighters from Berwick area also gave a talk on fire safety.



July 20, 2014 - St. Michael's in Mount Carmel gathered for their Parish Picnic and Basket Raffle.



July 26-27, 2014 - Holy Trinity in Wilkes-Barre, PA held its 48th Annual Bazaar on the Church Parish grounds.



Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Williamsport held an enjoyable luncheon and program for "seasoned citizens" on June 7, 2014.



July 19-20, 2014 - Holy Trinity in Stroudsburg, PA participated in the annual Wurst Festival held at Shawnee Mountain Ski Area.



June 14-15, 2014 - Parishioners from St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church participated in Edwardsville's First Annual "Pierogi Festival". The parishioners had the opportunity to meet and rekindle relationships with neighbors, share the Orthodox Faith, and be a part of the local community. The Church's pierogis and Welsh Cookies both received awards.



July 20, 2014 - Christ the Saviour in Harrisburg, PA asked God's blessing upon their cars, trucks, bikes & trikes, in conjunction with our celebration of the great Prophet Elijah.



August 24, 2014 - His Grace, Bishop MARK, visited St. Vladimir's in Lopez, tonsuring the parish council president, Robert Neuffer, as a Reader.



July 20, 2014 - All Saints in Olyphant, PA blesses the Vehicles following Divine Liturgy.



June 24, 2014 - St. John the Baptist in Edwardsville welcomed members of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.



June 1, 2014 - Bishop MARK visited St. Mark's in Wrightstown, PA. Fr. Martin Browne was awarded with the Gold Cross for his dedicated service to the diocese.



August 3, 2014 - St. Michael's in Mount Carmel, PA welcomed His Grace, Bishop MARK to their parish.



June 14, 2014 - All Saints Orthodox Church in Olyphant welcomed His Grace, Bishop MARK to celebrate their Parish Feast.



August 29, 2014 - The Wilkes-Barre Deanery welcomed His Grace, Bishop MARK, to St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Nanticoke to commemorate the feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

AROUND THE

Parishioners of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Mt. Carmel, PA blessed graves on Sunday, June 1, 2014, at the cemetery for St. Michael's and also at SS Peter and Paul's Orthodox Cemetary in Centralia. Memory Eternal!





June 8, 2014 - Amber (Sophia) Scheetz was Chrismated at St. Nicholas in Bethlehem, PA.



July 12th, 2014 - Ezra Ghebremichael was Baptized and Chrismated at Christ the Saviour in Harrisburg, PA.



August 3, 2014 - Holy Cross in Williamsport welcomed Zachary Stephen Alexander with the Sacrament of Baptism.



June 22, 2014 - Christine Perrin was welcomed into the Orthodox faith through the Sacrament of Chrismation at Holy Apostles Mission in Mechanicsburg, PA.



June 22, 2014 - Christ the Saviour welcomed Cindy Shortall, who was received through the Sacrament of Chrismation.



August 9, 2014 - Father Theophan Mackey Baptized Eva Maria Roper at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Mt. Carmel, PA.

THE SACRAMENTS



August 23, 2014 - Xavier (in Baptism Michael) Zeppuhar was Baptized and Chrismated at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church.



June 15, 2014 - Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Williamsport, PA welcomes their newest member - Chloe Joy Jenkins - in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



St. Tikhon's Summer Camp Enjoys 43rd Season

By Camp Directors Nicholas Macura, Tatiana Bohush, and Kimberly Metz





On the afternoon of Sunday, July 6, the serenity that is normally found at Saint Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary was temporarily interrupted when 126 children and a volunteer staff of 53 adults gathered to celebrate the 43rd season of Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp. We had a wonderful experience together despite some rainy weather during the first half of the week. The campers were so happy to be with old (and new) friends that they didn't seem to mind staying inside during the thunderstorms.

This year, the camp theme was "In The Beginning Was the Word", as developed by Educational Program Coordinator Mrs. Anna Marie Black of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Pottstown. Our religious education staff taught the children about how the Orthodox Church uses scripture in her services, and how hearing, reading, and knowing the Word of God can help us grow closer to Christ.

When not in workshop, the children enjoyed a well-rounded camp routine of morning and evening prayers, meals in the Trapeza, and activities such as field sports, swimming, boating, ethnic dance lessons, arts and crafts, and iconography.

This season, we added a number of new books to the camp library to be used during Story Time, which is many of the youngest campers' favorite tradition in the evenings.

We also brought back the Flag Ceremony, in which the camp body gathered around the raised American Flag each morning to sing the National Anthem, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and say the Campers' Oath.

Also new this year was a special Camp Carnival held in the gymnasium and courtyard of the Seminary Building. Each age group had their own piñata to break. Campers tested their skill and luck to win small prizes at a variety of carnival games. The carnival included face painting, a photo booth, and a snow cone machine.

On Wednesday, July 9, Fr. Athanasios visited the camp for the third year in a row with the beautiful myrrh-streaming icon of St. Anna. Each of the campers venerated the icon, was anointed, and received a print of the icon to bring home.

We ended the week by attending Divine Liturgy in the Monastery Church on Saturday, July 12. Our campers served as the choir, the readers, the altar boys, and the congregation alongside the monastics and the local parishioners.

We wish to express our gratitude to His Grace, Bishop Mark and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, to Bishop Michael and the community of Saint Tikhon's Seminary, and to Fr. Sergius and the Monastery Brotherhood for sharing their time and their facilities with our campers and counselors. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our Camp Chaplain, Fr. Timothy Hojnicky of Holy Apostles Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA. And finally, we appreciate all of our counselors, for the donation of their time and talents to the camp program.

Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp is hosted by the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, and our next season is scheduled for July 5-11, 2015. We strongly encourage our Diocesan youth between the ages of 7 and 17 to attend and grow in their relationship with Christ and each other. We also encourage young adults 18 and over who are interested in volunteering as counselors to consider joining us next summer. Simply e-mail info@sttikhonscamp.org with your home address to be included on our mailing list for 2015, or visit www.sttikhonscamp.org for more information.



July 29 - 31, 2014 - St. Stephen Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA held their annual Vacation Church School. There were total of 39 children participating over the three days of our day camp.



June 16-18, 2014 - Holy Apostles Mission held their annual Vacation Church School.



June 11, 2014 - Holy Protection Orthodox Christian Preschool, a collaborative effort of Holy Trinity in Stroudsburg with the local Greek Orthodox Parish - Holy Cross of Stroudsburg, celebrated their graduation.



August 11 - 15, 2014 - Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Stroudsburg combined with Holy Cross to hold a Vacation Bible School.



July 12, 2014 - The Church School students and parents of Holy Trinity in Wilkes-Barre, PA enjoyed an afternoon of rides, food, and Orthodox Fellowship at Knoebel's Amusement Park in Elysburg.



August 6, 2014 - Holy Cross in Williamsport, PA held a Youth Day on the feast of the Transfiguration.

Summer Church Schools and Graduate Recognition



June 1, 2014 - Christ the Saviour honored its 2014 High School and College Graduates.



June 30, 2014 - All Saints in Olyphant recognizes Nicholas Scochin upon his graduation.



June 30, 2014 - All Saints in Olyphant recently honored their parish graduates Donna Witek, and Lliam Hepplewhite.



June 15, 2014 - Father Nicholas blessed graduates of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Stroudsburg and presented them with Orthodox Study Bibles.



August 15, 2014 - St. Michael's in Mt. Carmel recognized graduate Rachel Rebeck.



July 20, 2014 - St. Michael's in Mount Carmel honored parish graduate Alexandra Rebeck.



June 29, 2014 - Holy Trinity in Wilkes-Barre, PA recognized parish graduate Ryan Hutz for his accomplishment. Ryan was presented with gifts from the parish.



July 1, 2014 - St. Michael's in Jermyn, PA honored Julianne Dube, who graduated from Lakeland High School. She was presented with a parish scholarship.



On June 1st St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem honored their graduates, Daniel Holobney and Jacob Mazur. They were presented with gifts in recognition of their achievements.



Yuresaliem Arefe

Parish: Christ the Saviour
Orthodox Church, Harrisburg, PA
Parents: Ezgom and Fissaye Arefe
Graduated from: Susquehanna Twp.
High School
Future plans: Penn State Mont Alto



Alex Bredikin

Parish: Saint Herman of Alaska
Orthodox Church, Gradyville, PA
Parents: Ted and Pam Bredikin
Graduated from: Downingtown STEM
Academy High School
Future plans: Ithaca College
Major: TV-Radio degree



Katie Bredikin

Parish: Saint Herman of Alaska
Orthodox Church, Gradyville, PA
Parents: Ted and Pam Bredikin
Graduated from: Downingtown East
High School
Future plans: University of Pittsburgh
Major: Communication Science &
Disorders degree



Julie Bulino

Parish: SS Peter & Paul
Orthodox Church, Minersville, PA
Parents: Bernard and Deborah Bulino
Graduated from: Pottsville Area High
School
Future plans: Alvernia College, Reading
PA



Maria Cameron

Parish: Christ the Saviour
Orthodox Church, Harrisburg, PA
Parents: Marina and Sean Cameron
Graduated from: Hershey High School
Future plans: Delaware Valley College
Major: Conservation and Wildlife
Management



Nicole Crinella

Parish: St. Nicholas
Orthodox Church, Olyphant, PA
Parents: Carl and Tamara Crinella
Graduated from: Valley View High
School
Future plans: Misericordia University
Major: Speech Therapy



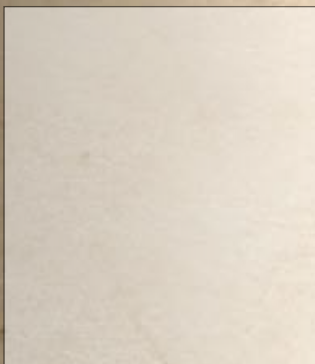
Peter Daubert

Parish: St. Michael the Archangel
Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE
Parents: William and Paula Daubert
Graduated from: North East High School
Future plans: Cecil College
Major: Information Technology



Melissa Demianovich

Parish: St. Basil's Orthodox Church,
Simpson, PA
Parents: Stephen and Kathy
Demianovich
Graduated from: Wilkes University, BSN
Future plans: Career in Nursing



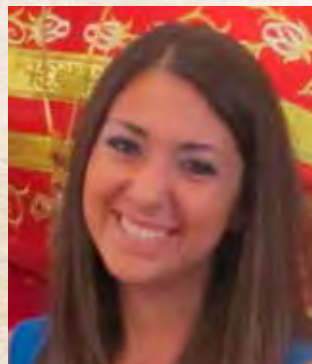
Tyler Demko

Parish: Holy Annunciation
Orthodox Church, Berwick, PA
Parents: Fr. Michael & Mat. Catherine
Demko
Graduated from: Berwick High School
Future plans: Arcadia University



Nicole Marie Donlick

Parish: Holy Trinity
Orthodox Church, Stroudsburg, PA
Parents: David & Doreen Donlick
Graduated from: Nazareth Area High
School
Future plans: Penn State Berks
Major: Applied Psychology



Julianne Dubee

Parish: St. Michael's
Orthodox Church, Jermyn, PA
Parents: Bill & Mary Ann Dubee
Graduated from: Lakeland High School



Megan Ferenchick

Parish: St. John the Baptist
Orthodox Church, Edwardsville, PA
Parents: Gary and Christine Ferenchick
Graduated from: Wyoming Valley West
High School
Future plans: Luzerne County
Community College
Major: Dental Hygiene



Tyler Ferenchick

Parish: St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Edwardsville, PA
Parents: Gary and Christine Ferenchick
Graduated from: Luzerne County Community College, Associates Degree
Future plans: Misericordia University
Major: History



Samantha Dominique Frear

Parish: St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Old Forge, PA
Parents: Theodore and Nancy Frear
Graduated from: Tunkhannock Area High School
Future plans: University of the Sciences
Major: Pharmacology & Toxicology



Anastasia Georges

Parish: Holy Cross Orthodox Church, Williamsport, PA
Parents: Peter and Lenora Georges
Graduated from: St. John Neumann Regional Academy High School
Future plans: Temple University
Major: Bioengineering



Paige Hisiro

Parish: Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, Harrisburg, PA
Parents: Debbie and Carl Hisiro
Graduated from: Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania
B.S. Fashion Merchandising (Magna Cum Laude)
Future plans: Seeking a Career in the Fashion Industry



Skye Hisiro

Parish: Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, Harrisburg, PA
Parents: Debbie and Carl Hisiro
Graduated from: West Chester University
B.S. Education (Summa Cum Laude)
Future plans: Seeking a Career in Elementary Education



Ryan Hutz

Parish: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Parents: Brian and Beth Hutz
Graduated from: James M. Coughlin High School
Future plans: The Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA
Major: Ford Asset Automotive Technology



Juliana Kraiter

Parish: St. Michael Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE
Parents: Cristina and Daniel Kraiter
Graduated from: University of Delaware
Studies completed: Major: Spanish studies; Minor: Education
Future plans: Master in Education at Wilmington University, teach ESL



John Linnehan

Parish: Holy Apostle's Orthodox Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA
Parents: Mark and Barbara Linnehan
Graduated from: East Pennsboro High School
Future plans: McDaniel College, Westminster, MD
Major: International Business



Alison Litvak

Parish: St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA
Parents: Alex and Elena Litvak
Graduated from: Central Bucks High School West
Future plans: Temple University
Major: Biology then continuing on to pre-med



Larissa S. Mariani

Parish: St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA
Graduated from: Penn State University
BS in Secondary Education: English/Communication
Future plans: High School English Teacher



Christina Martin

Parish: Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, Harrisburg, PA
Parents: Cheryl and David Martin
Graduated from: Central Dauphin High School
Future plans: Susquehanna University
Major: Political Science



Jacob George Mazur

Parish: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Bethlehem, PA
Parents: George and Kathy Mazur
Graduated from: Freedom High School
Future plans: Kutztown University
Major: Criminal Justice



Matthew Ryan Mazur

Parish: St. Nicholas
Orthodox Church, Bethlehem, PA
Parents: George and Kathy Mazur
Graduated from: Drexel University, BS in
Mechanical Engineering
Future plans: Secure full-time
employment



Cara McMyne

Parish: St. Basil's Orthodox Church,
Simpson, PA
Parents: Joseph and Kathy McMyne
Graduated from: Syracuse University-
Doctorate in Audiology
Future plans: Audiologist



Andrew John Mihaly

Parish: Holy Annunciation
Orthodox Church, Berwick, PA
Parents: Andrew and Lisa Mihaly
Graduated from: Wilkes University



Courtney L. Miller

Parish: St. Mary's Orthodox Church,
Coaldale, PA
Graduated from: Tamaqua Area High
School



Abraham Andrew Morjana

Parish: St. Michael's Orthodox Church,
Wilmington, DE
Parents: Dr. Nihat and Alice Morjana
Graduated from: University of Delaware
(college) with Honors, BS in Engineering
Currently works as a Highway Design
Engineer in Maryland



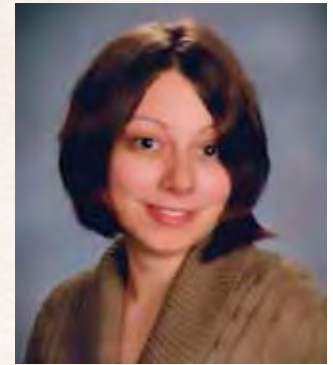
Christina Maria Proch

Parish: St. Basil's Orthodox Church,
Simpson, PA
Parents: Walter and MaryAnne Proch
Graduated from: University of Pittsburgh
- Summa Cum Laude - BS in Nutrition
and Dietetics
Future plans: Internship in Dietetics at
Duke University Hospital Dietetic
Internship Program



Alexander E. Pyle

Parish: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church,
McAdoo, PA
Parents: Wayne Pyle and Kim Sharonoff
(Anna)
Graduated from: Hazleton Area High
School
Future plans: Penn State University
Majoring in Computers



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Parish: St. Michael's Orthodox Church,
Mt. Carmel, PA
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. James Rebuck
Graduated from: Susquehanna
University Magna Cum Laude with
Departmental Honors – BS in Biology
Future plans: Philadelphia College of
Osteopathic Medicine to pursue a
Medical Degree



Rachel Rebuck

Parish: St. Michael's Orthodox Church,
Mt. Carmel, PA
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. James Rebuck
Graduated from: Le Cordon Bleu - BA in
Culinary Management
Future plans: Certified Pastry Chef at
the Pine Barn Inn, Danville, PA



Nicholas Scochin

Parish: All Saints Orthodox Church,
Olyphant, PA
Graduated from: Pennsylvania State
Police Academy

CONGRATULATIONS
MAY GOD GRANT



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Parish: Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA
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Sims
Graduated from: James M. Coughlin
High School
Future plans: Wilkes University



Sara Skoritowski

Parish: St. Michael's Orthodox Church,
Old Forge, PA
Parents: Alan and Susan Skoritowski
Graduated from: West Scranton High
School
Future plans: University of the Sciences
in Philadelphia, PA
Major: Chemistry



Ryan Thomas Smith

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Simpson, PA
Parents: Mrs. Lynn Kravetsky Bass
Graduated from: Hancock Central
School
Future plans: Hudson Valley Community
College
Major: Physical Education



Michael Somple

Parish: Christ the Saviour
Orthodox Church, Harrisburg, PA
Parents: Barbara and Nicholas Somple
Graduated from: United States Air Force
Airman 1st Class with Honors
Future plans: Stationed at Kessler AFB



Alysse Stehli

Parish: Holy Apostle's
Orthodox Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA
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Master of Science in Emergency
Management (MSEM)



Megan Elizabeth Sulpizi

Parish: St. Michael's Orthodox Church,
Wilmington, DE
Parents: Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi
Grandparents: Harry and Evelyn Kutch
Graduated from: Unionville High School
Future plans: University of Connecticut,
College of Engineering



Jessica Taleff

Parish: Christ the Saviour
Orthodox Church, Harrisburg, PA
Parents: Patty and Peter Taleff
Graduated from: Millersville University,
BA Music, Business, & Technology
Future plans: Employed in Australia with
a Music Management Firm



Edward VonBarbier

Parish: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church,
Stroudsburg, PA
Parents: Roland and Dalia VonBarbier
Graduated from: Stroudsburg High
School
Future plans: East Stroudsburg
University

2014 GRADUATES!
YOU MANY YEARS!



Jullian VonBarbier

Parish: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church,
Stroudsburg, PA
Parents: Roland and Dalia VonBarbier
Graduated from: Stroudsburg High
School
Future plans: East Stroudsburg
University



Donna Witek

Parish: All Saints Orthodox Church,
Olyphant, PA
Spouse of: Paul Witek (husband) and
Anna (daughter)
Graduated from: The University of
Scranton, Degree: Master of Arts in
Theology
Future plans: Librarian at The University
of Scranton

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

November 2	Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Catasauqua
November 8	St. Michael Orthodox Church, Mt. Carmel
November 9	St. Michael Orthodox Church, Jermyn
November 11	Clergy Continuing Education
November 16	St. Herman Orthodox Church, Shillington
November 18	Diocesan Council Meeting, Diocesan Center
November 21	Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
November 23	St. Mary Orthodox Church, St. Clair
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 30	SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Minersville

DECEMBER

December 7	St. Basil Orthodox Church, Simpson
December 14	Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Wilkes-Barre
December 25	Nativity of our Lord

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January 25	Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, McAdoo
January 29-30	Diocesan Assembly, St. Nicholas, Bethlehem