

**THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**  
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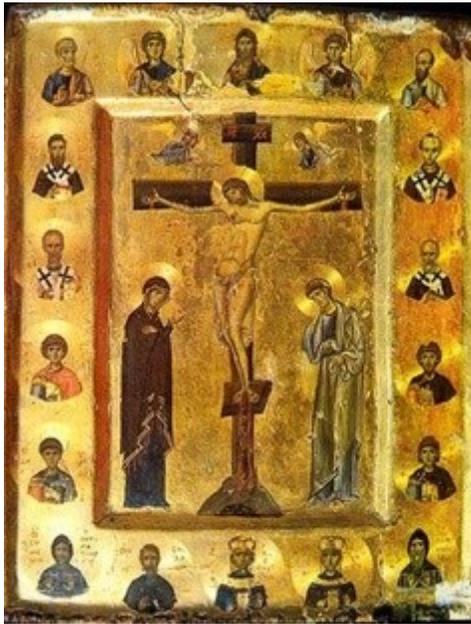


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**SPRING 2014**



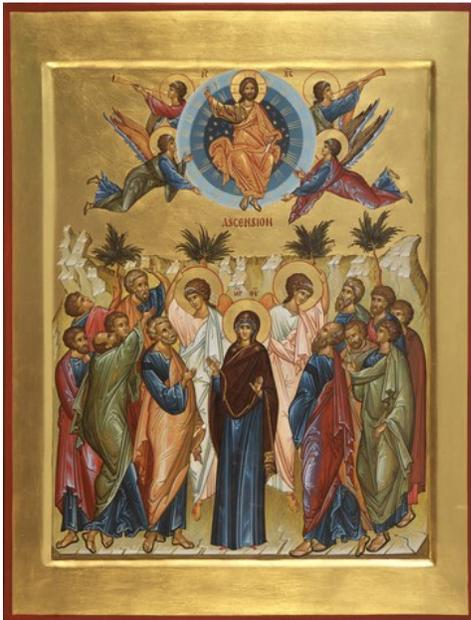
**Sinai Crucifixion Icon, 12th c.**

**Christ, the Virgin, and St. John in center panel**  
**Medallions of saints in liturgical order surround in the frame**

**Top: St. John the Baptist flanked by Archangels Michael and Gabriel**

**And they in turn are flanked by St. Peter and St. Paul.**

**Bottom: St. Catherine ( the name of the Sinai Monastery)**



**Icon of the Ascension**  
**of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**May 29, 2014**

*Pastor's Corner* **Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!**

The great feast of Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, is upon us once again. It is good to hear the words of the saints concerning the teachings of the Church, especially concerning the Holy Spirit, Whom so many do not understand. Let us hear the words of St. Basil the Great on "The work of the Holy Spirit".

"The titles given to the Holy Spirit must surely stir the soul of anyone who hears them, and make him realize that they speak of nothing less than the supreme Being. Is he not called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, the steadfast Spirit, the guiding Spirit? But his principal and most personal title is the Holy Spirit.

To the Spirit all creatures turn in their need for sanctification; all living things seek him according to their ability. His breath empowers each to achieve its own natural end. The Spirit is the source of holiness, a spiritual light, and he offers his own light to every mind to help it in its search for truth. By nature the Spirit is beyond the reach of our mind, but we can know him by his goodness. The power of the Spirit fills the whole universe, but he gives himself only to those who are worthy, acting in each according to the measure of his faith.

Simple in himself, the Spirit is manifold in his mighty works. The whole of his being is present to each individual; the whole of his being is present everywhere. Though shared in by many, he remains unchanged; his self-giving is no loss to himself. Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth his grace in full measure, sufficient for all, and yet is present as though exclusively to everyone who can receive him. To all creatures that share in him he gives a delight limited only by their own nature, not by his ability to give.

The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those who are making progress. He enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin and makes them spiritual by communion with himself. As clear, transparent substances become very bright when sunlight falls on them and shine with a new radiance, so also souls in whom the Spirit shines become spiritual themselves and a source of grace for others. From the Spirit comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of the mysteries of faith, insight into the hidden meaning of Scripture, and other special gifts. Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we enter into eternal happiness, and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations."

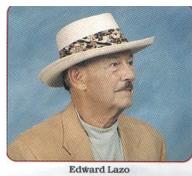
**Holy Hierarch Basil the Great, pray to God for us!**

*Fr. Herman Kincaid*



CHAPLIAN'S CORNER  
MEMORY ETERNAL

On March 22, 2014, Edward Lazo fell asleep in the Lord and Fr. Herman served his second Military burial on March 29, 2014. Other Navy personnel served at the graveside service for Ed.



Edward Lazo

Mr. Lazo's family were original members of our church when it was built In 1931. In fact, his father and uncle, master carpenters from Europe built the pews, iconostasis and all the fine woodwork in our first church. Ed was one of the people we featured in our 75th anniversary newsletter of Spring, 2007.

We knew Edie best for his singing in our choir. He had a spectacular, booming bass-baritone voice.

Some of Mr. Lazo's relatives commented that we were lucky to have a military priest to serve at Ed's funeral, as Ed had been a very proud Navy man, having served on a submarine in World War II.



Andrew & Marie Michalic

MEMORY ETERNAL

A week after Ed Lazo's funeral, Fr. Herman conducted a non-military burial on April 4, 2014 for another long time parishioner.

Marie Michalic fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 2014. We remember her as a very sophisticated, beautiful lady. We didn't get to see her after her husband, Andrew fell asleep in the Lord two years ago, as her health started to fail.

SOCHI'S OLYMPIC CEMETERY



"I don't think a piece of the country's and the people's history, which the cemetery is, can really bother athletes and visitors of the Games." says, Dimitry Drofichev, a local history teacher and community leader. Hardly anyone knew that the cemetery was there.

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER  
CELEBRATES TEN YEARS  
OUR EXTENDED EOPS FAMILY



Their identity: Dave Kenny—Our Web Master, Dorothy Koncel, Rusty Mihalko, Shirley Bryar, Fr. Herman and the missing one—Joe Bilas—Head of the Greeters, mailing list & labels.

The Committee on Evangelization, Outreach and Parish Stewardship (EOPS) was established in 2004. After reading a volume of material on what was expected of us, we established the Greeters. Then we put together a mailing list of present and past parishioners and tried to figure out who had not followed us to Burr Ridge from our old Chicago location. We had meetings and discussions about what we could accomplish to be successful. Then the idea of distributing a newsletter appealed to all of us. We considered about 40 different names for the publication, but the only one that seemed right was the Quarterly News Letter.

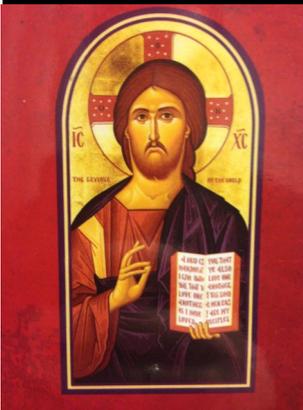
Our first edition, dated April—May—June, 2004 was printed on a single, 2 sided legal page. We had no master plan of what we wanted to write about, but we were fired up to do it. Eventually we wrote about the doings in our church, about events in the lives of our parishioners and about events in the lives of our clergy. When Fr. Herman came to our church, he suggested that he would like us to write about our Saints and Icons and that changed everything. One doesn't always get to use their academic background in such a creative way.

The Newsletter has grown to a 6 page edition with multiple topics and many photos. What is new is that we can now be read on our web site and in full color.



Olympic flame and stadium in the background of the Old Believers Cemetery on the grounds of Sochi

Olympic Park.



**THE ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE  
REDISCOVERING THE  
FIRST EDITION**

*When the Orthodox Study Bible (O.S.B.) came out in 1993 it contained the New Testament and Psalms. Then a second version came out in 2008 containing both Old and New Testaments. Many of us may have*

*abandoned the original never paying too much attention to the differences between them, except for the obvious inclusion of the Old Testament.*

*Some of our parishioners had a discussion one day about helpful ways to find things in our Study Bible. There are Indexes, a Glossary, a Lectionary, but we wondered why we did not have a Concordance. That discussion led to a look at the first edition of the O.S.B., and there it was—all 195 pages of the Concordance was here all the time. Maybe you were used to using a Concordance in a different publication, such as The Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Surely the compilers of the O.S.B. intended for us to have and use both editions.*

*What is special about a Concordance? It serves a purpose as an index in that book, but it also serves a broader purpose in giving both the name or word sought and the passage in which it is found. You may recall some phrase and want to find the exact quotation and reference, or you may want to know what the Bible says about a given topic, or theme.*

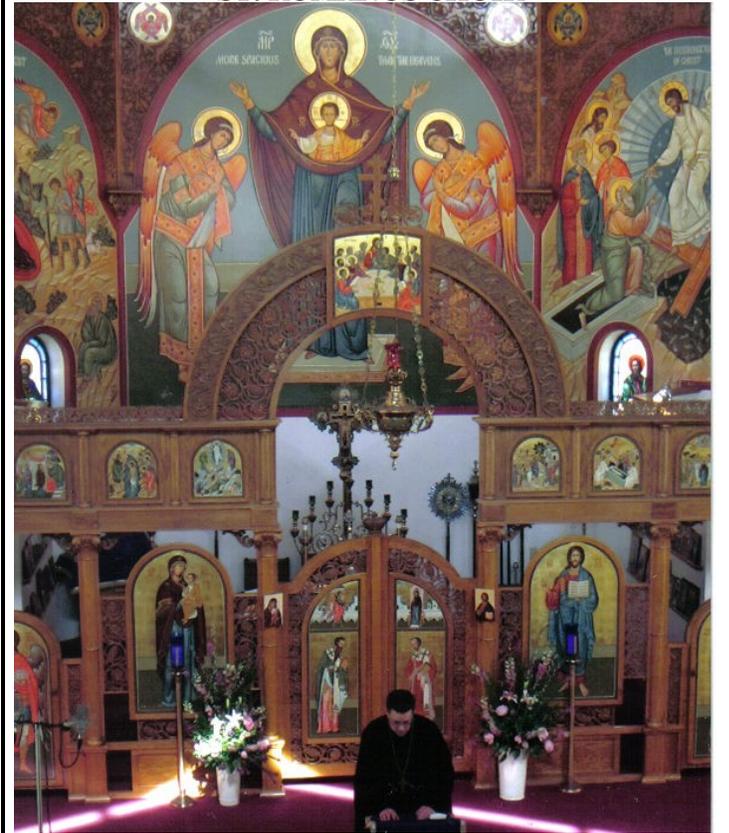
*A Concordance is designed to help you locate such references quickly and accurately. The references include the name or abbreviation of the Bible book, chapter number and verse number. There are thousands of key words also such as Adoption, Forgiveness and Love listed in Biblical order. Also, there are cross-references to parallel passages, geographic names, personal names, alternate spellings and cross references are also listed. It is a wonderful tool to have.*

*The first edition of the O.S.B. also has Tables of Money, Weights and Measures. Have you ever wondered about the value of a shekel in the time of Jesus vs. now? See Pages 844–846.*

*Both editions of the O.S.B. have maps and icons in full color. Both editions help you to explore Christianity and expand your knowledge of the Bible. Both editions have wonderful articles by respected scholars. Both editions are for Orthodox Believers and for those Christians interested in their own spiritual roots. Rediscover the first edition to see what you may have been missing because both editions of the O.S.B. belong in your home libraries. Make your own discoveries.*



**ST. ROMANOS CHOIR**



Fr. Herman was asked to give two commentaries during breaks in the concert. He talked about the musical selections of part one. That they make us think of St Andrew of Crete, St Mary of Egypt, and the Good Thief, that these Saints are beacons, guiding our way to the glory of God.

In his second sermon, Fr. Herman spoke about the importance of the Mother of God, and her necessary presence in our lives. Then the next selection of hymns were to the Most Holy Mother where we beg her to intercede for us.

Fr. Herman gave us beautiful words to live by, and the concert gave us beautiful voices to listen to. It was a wonderful afternoon. We were pleased that the Saint Romanos Choir chose to give this concert at our church on April 6. The title of their presentation was TODAY IS THE CROWN OF OUR SALVATION, Lenten and Marian Hymns. Peter Jermihov is the director, who also acknowledged John Sutko's 60th anniversary as our choir director. Mr. Jermihov recalled the support he received from John Sutko and Edward Lazo early in his career.



**SOMEONE YOU SHOULD  
KNOW  
DR. EMIL TRIPA**

Dr. Emil Tripa has only been coming to our church for a few years, but he is a very involved parishioner. He not only sings in the choir, but he is the cantor at the 8:15 A.M. Matins service on Sunday. He is also serving his second year as Financial Secretary on our Parish Council.

He was born in Transylvania, Romania and baptized Orthodox, but he said his family, parents and one brother never went to church as a family. Before coming to America 20 years ago, he went to college in Romania where he received a BA in Chemistry.

At this time (1991-94), there was a movement in Romania where colleges were bringing in famous monks, like Fr. Theophil (Lover of God) to lecture. He was the blind monk we saw in the video presentation we watched during the 2013 Lenten period called "The Jesus Prayer." Emil got to meet him and other notable Orthodox Monastics or spiritual fathers of the Romanian Orthodox Church. He also became interested in Byzantine chanting at this time.

After graduation, he was accepted at the University of Pittsburgh and earned his PHD in Chemistry in 2000. He joined a Greek Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh. Later, he discovered other Orthodox Churches. In 1996 Emil and other Romanian Orthodox Christians started the St. Andrews Mission Church, which is still in existence.

Initially Dr. Tripa's interest in science concerned the physical absorption of molecules on solid surfaces, but he later moved on to surface analytical chemistry for the Department of Energy. NASA collected solar wind particles and brought them back to earth to be analyzed. Emil does this at Argonne National Labs. He chose to accept this job as our area seems more like home to him. Also, he has a lot of relatives, from his father's side of the family who live around here.

When asked about other interests, he replied that chanting is one of his passions. He said that chanting makes you focus on prayer. He likes to read too—but his favorite subject is Theology. (Do we have a future priest here?) In warm weather he likes biking or hiking. Recently he got to visit his dad, who is the only one left in the old country, as his brother moved to South Africa.

A very special event occurred on January 31, 2014. Dr. Emil Tripa became an American Citizen.

**TRANSYLVANIA**

We couldn't let him go without more about Transylvania and about Dracula. We wondered what the local people thought about the 1897 Gothic horror novel by Irish author Bram Stoker, who introduced the character of Count Dracula.

In reality, Emil said that the name comes from the Romanian 15th Century Prince Vlad, The Impaler, a bloody ruler. The story is a fictional account of a vampire. However, the castle does exist and is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the country. The word Dracula means devil in Romanian and the symbol is a dragon—not a vampire. In fact, Dr. Tripa said that the dragon—not the vampire is the popular image in Romanian fairy tales.

**OUR SEMINARIAN ORDAINED**



Congratulations to our seminarian family, Fr. Moses Hibbard, who was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on February 11 at St. Tikon's. Axios! Many years!

Fr. Moses regrets that he has been unable to visit our church even though his family hails from Wisconsin, about 3 hours north of our church. He and his wife were raised in rural Wisconsin and remain fond of life in the country. Their mutual loves involve time spent in the garden, hiking and reading.

Their journey to Orthodoxy began at the parish church of St. Matthew in Green Bay. Fr. Moses and his Matshka Karina are converts to the Orthodox faith and say that they are grateful to God for the gift of knowing the greatest love in Jesus Christ.

They have home schooled their 7 year old daughter Hannah and say she is very creative and has an immense love for reading which seems to expand every day. Their 1 year old son Noah is a joy to them. His energy and sense of humor bring smiles to everyone. Our other seminarian, Reader Alexander Koranda, happens to be Noah's godfather.

Fr. Moses thanks us for the financial aid we have given him and asks that we continue to pray for him and his family, as they will continue to pray for us.



**MEMORIAL WHEAT  
(KOLIVA, SITARI, KUTYA)  
SOUL SATURDAY**

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."  
John 12:24

"The blessing of cooked wheat during Great Lent is a custom with two different meanings (origins). The first and most

common is the practice of blessing Koliva in memory of our beloved who have fallen asleep in the Lord. The second is in memory of martyrs, especially St. Theodore of Tyre whose miracle occurred in 362 A.D. He thwarted the attempt of Julian the Apostate to defile the fast of the week of purification (the first week of Great Lent in which the fasting is strict.)

Koliva is not 'offered' to the dead; it is blessed to console the grieving... 'who mourn the loss of their loved ones.' It is "an edible reminder of Our Lord's promise in John 12:24.

Ingredients can include boiled wheat, pomegranate seeds, sesame, cinnamon, nuts, raisins, and parsley. The white top is made of cracker crumbs and powdered sugar.

Thank you, Sevasti Bergstrom for making this for us.



**BLESSING DAY FOR SCOUTS**



**A BIG THANK YOU**

To all who donated items for the College care packages pictured above on their way to the post office and to Matushka Jessica for heading up this project.

To all who donated books and DVDs to benefit the Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago in memory of John Robert Koncel, the son of Barry and Deb Koncel.

**OUR NEWLY ELECTED PARISH COUNCIL**

- DUKE JOVANOVIICH—PRESIDENT
- ALICE OBMASCIK—VICE PRESIDENT
- DIMITRI SMIRNOV—TREASURER
- EMIL TRIPA—FINANCIAL SECRETARY
- KRISTY BROWN—SECRETARY
- OLGA METLUSHKA—EDUCATION
- LINDA CIOLINO—COMMUNITY
- BARRY PETRIGALA—PROPERTY
- NICOLE KUSHTA—CAPITAL PROJECTS
- DAVID KENNY—OUTREACH/EVANGELISM



**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

**YOUTH GROUP**



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

We celebrated Fr. Herman's birthday at a pot-luck Lenten dinner on April 4th following Presanctified Liturgy.

**THE WOMEN'S CLUB**

The girls were busy recently attending the annual Book Fair at Holy Apostles, another M & M concert and they went to a movie.



February 23 the group went to Woodfield Mall to play Glow In The Dark Golf. Thanks to Nicole Kushta for coordinating this event.

Also, the group went out for their annual Cheese-fare celebration at Giordano's on March 2. Sorry, we didn't get a photo this time.

**FOOD PANTRY**

St. Peter and St. Paul is now supporting the West Suburban Community Pantry! The recent switch from the Hinsdale Food Pantry to this new pantry was made to expand our outreach as it services all of DuPage County. The West Suburban Community Pantry allows St Peter and St Paul to expand its commitment to provide help to individuals who are in need of sustenance for themselves and their families. This commitment fits nicely with the mission of the West Suburban Community Pantry, which is to offer food to the hungry and provide resources to empower persons to improve their quality of life. They envision a community without hunger and we are now a part of that vision. St Peter and St Paul has supported this pantry in the past through special projects with our youth group and we are pleased to expand that support. Every week a member of the food pantry collection team drops the donations that are brought in to our church during the week at the pantry. We ask that you remember to support this important effort particularly with your donations of toiletries, canned and dry goods and cleaning supplies. Your donations will ensure that families across DuPage County have the ability to put food on their table. Thank you to all of those that have continued to support this important effort. If you are interested in joining the food pantry team, please see Bonnie Kriescher.

**PHOTO CONTEST  
THEME IS "SUMMER"**

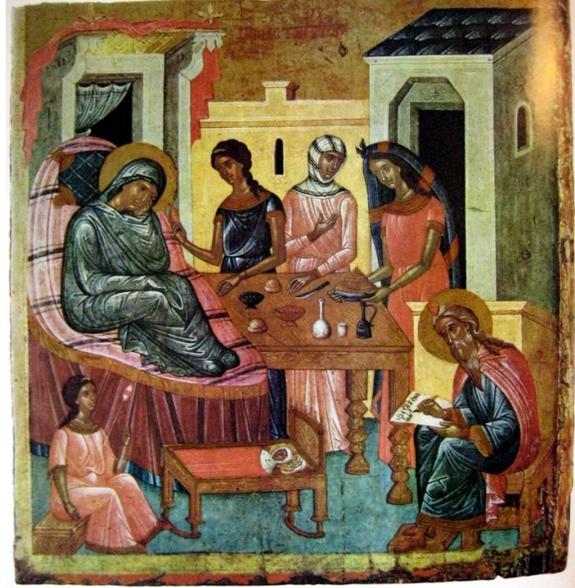
Submit photo to Shirley Bryar@aol.com by 8-3-14.  
Winning photo will be in the Fall Edition.

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**CALENDAR**

<b>MAY</b>	<b>26—MEMORIAL DAY—GRAVES BLESSED AT EVERGREEN CEMETARY</b>
	<b>29—ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>8—PENTECOST</b>
	<b>29—ST. PETER &amp; ST. PAUL NAMES DAY</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>25—28 FOCA CONVENTION—GETTSBURG, PA</b>
<b>AUG</b>	<b>6—TRANSFIGURATION</b>
	<b>15—DORMITION OF THEOTOKES</b>



**JUNE 24—BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**