

Parish News

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WINTER 2018-2019

Bishop Paul awards Fr. Herman the Gold Cross, March 3, 2019



Handmaidens greeting Bishop Paul with roses.



Fr. Herman greets Bishop Paul at the rear of the church.



Senior Acolytes were awarded an Orarion by Bishop Paul.



Bishop Paul presenting the Handmaidens with gold and silver crosses.



Acolytes and Handmaidens with Bishop Paul



Parish members & guests preparing for communion.

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.

SCHOOL CHILDREN



ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD, a production, created by Jenna Treanor combining traditional carols and contemporary arrangements. Thank you to everyone who assisted in any way. As usual, the audience REALLY enjoyed it.



On Oct. 25 We had a visit from Naperville High School by students, and their teachers.



Fr. Herman gave a talk, then they had a break for their lunch in our Parish Hall, where Fr. Herman was open to all questions.



Ella Kincaid had a part in a play produced by the local Theater of Lemont.



Polina Smak's role in this year's production of The Nutcracker was dancing as the big mouse.



Michael Nacik grandson of Joanne & John Nacik, played in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade and the Disneyland Parade, with his school's Marching Band.



Small Blessing of Water.



Polina Smak's Chamber Strings Orchestra and her brother Josh's 8th grade school band will perform at Walt Disney Parks in Florida in mid February.



Youth Group and Fr. Herman blessing the church.



Josh Smak

Our Teen Group visits St. Luke's Church, January 30, 2019.



Also in January, the Teen Groups met at our church and were joined by Bishop Paul



FEAST OF THEOPHANY





THE WEDDING AT CANA is the setting for the first of seven signs performed by Jesus in the Gospel of John 2:1-11, changing water into wine. According to John, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

John goes on to tell us that, Jesus obeyed his mother and had the servants fill 6 waterspouts of stone with water, and when tasted by the master of the feast it is written that he declared, "You have kept the good wine until now."

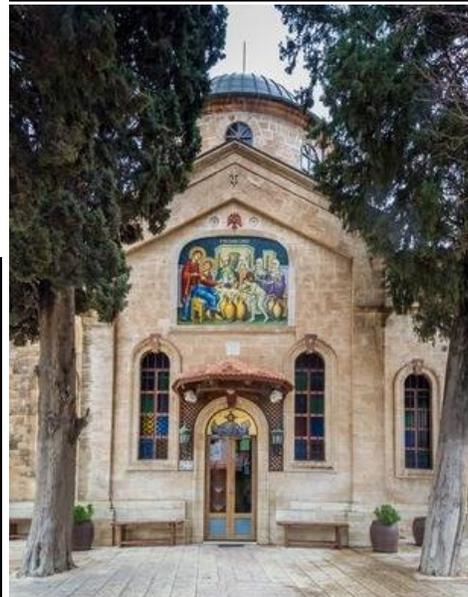
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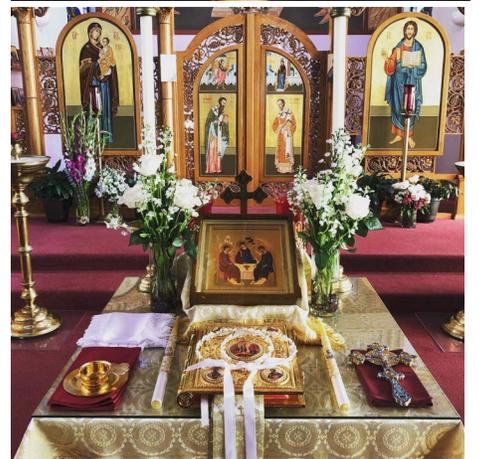
Wedding in Cana



EATING DURING LENT
While we refrain from meat & dairy products during Lent, did you know that you can substitute the protein you are missing by eating **NUTS** or **BEANS**. Peanut butter & jelly sandwich's are always popular. Instead of milk, have you tried **ALMOND MILK** or **SOY MILK** on your cereal or in your tea or coffee? You may even decide to stay with them, all year. Nutritionists are always urging us to have more vegetables. Try new combinations to spice, up mealtime. You can combine beets with spinach, or beans and mushrooms, or eggplant and tomatoes, etc. Have an adventure with your Lenten cooking experience. Fruits are a must in everyone's diet, and we are encouraged to eat them in all colors. They are also a different addition to your vegetable salads. Soups are the great mainstay of most Lenten dieters, Canned or home made, they are welcome. Small families have been known to combine different varieties of canned soups together to create a new flavor. Try mixing together: Vegetable, Lentil, Bean, and Tomato. Mix all together, add croutons and enjoy.



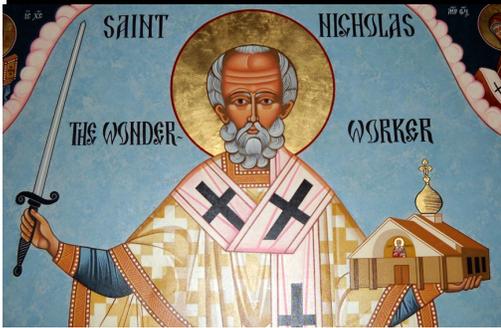
Cana Orthodox Church



Ancient Water Container inside the Church



The bridal couple use our church's crowns or they can have wreaths made.



Happy Saint Basil's Day
Vasilopita Bread or Cake contains a hidden gold coin for good luck to the receiver. The coin depicts St. Basil who is celebrated on January 1st. When the cake was sliced, this years winner was Anatoly Evdokimov.

We commemorate St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker on December 6. St. Nicholas of Myra, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lucia, is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. Born in the city of Patra, he was the only child of wealthy parents and is remembered as one who thrived on the study of Divine Scripture and one who was kind-hearted toward his flock and to all who came to him for help and for distributing all his inheritance to the poor. He made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and worshiped at each place. He wanted to withdraw to the desert but, a Divine voice urged him to return to his native country. Having returned to his own diocese, the saint worked many miracles, including rescuing Myra from a famine, saving those drowning at sea and providing the release from captivity and imprisonment. He fell asleep in the Lord at an old age and his venerable relics were preserved in the local church, but in 1087 they were transferred to the city of Bari, believed to be by Italian merchants. In 2017 archeologists in Turkey announced their believe that the true remains are still in St. Nicholas Church in Antalya, Turkey and that the remains that were taken to Bari are those of an anonymous priest. To further investigate, they need to remove large sections of mosaic tiles in order to access a chamber below. Was there another Divine intervention wanting St. Nicholas to be in Myra?



Our annual Memorial Christmas Tree with photos/or just names of our departed members.

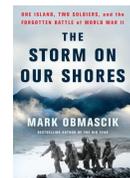


The "O" Club had a Christmas Potluck Dinner. April 26, Great Friday we will wrap the red eggs that Fr. Herman hands out on Easter. All are welcome to help



Mark Obmascik will be featured on 60 Minutes on April 7 regarding his new book "The Storm-on-Our-Shores."

They visit the island in the Aleutians & his home in Denver, plus Anderson's Book store in Naperville will host a signing with Mark on April 25.



Fr. Herman blessing our Boy Scouts, Ben Koncel & Mikhail Evdokimov.



Christmas Liturgy



Father blessed 17 dogs & 2 ferrets.



EAST COAST DISASTERS
N.C. He lost everything but his cat. If you could grab 1 thing, what would it be?



S.C. This alligator can't find the ocean, was roaming the streets.



WEST COAST DISASTERS
Dog guarded his burnt out home, 2 weeks before family allowed back in the area. One of the fire responders made sure the dog had food & water daily.



Frozen cat "Fluffy" survives Montana's January Freezing weather.



BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS
Our church's furnace died. We got a new one. Thank you to those who donated.



Our old electronic bells died too, and we got new ones. In memory of Christin Gurnic, son of Dennis & Leah Gurnic, & memory of Helen Koranda.

MEMORY ETERNAL



MARY EHNATKO The 40 Day Memorial Service for her was held at our church on 9-26-18. Condolences to the Mihalko & Bilas Families.



ELAINE KORNAFEL The Funeral held at our church December 7, 2018. Proud mother of Deacon John, mother-in-law of Matushka Julie, grandmother of Katelyn & Megan, found sister of the late Robert (Olga) Kornafel, found aunt of James & Kathryn.



HENRY KLEMCHUK, 99, funeral held at our church on January 23, 2019. Father of Karen Keogh, grandfather of Tara Keogh & Christian Stutz, brother of Pauline Michals, uncle of Paula Ogurkiewicz, and Marilyn Michals, grand uncle to Natalia, Larissa, & Gregory Ogurkiewicz.

PETER G. SOPKO The Funeral held at our church October 24, 2018. Brother of parishioner Nancy Wanda.

ARLENE MORGUCZ, (nee Soukup) Funeral at our church on January 11, 2019. Mother of parishioner John, aunt of Bob Lewandowski.



Our new, shown ready to be assembled, chandelier is a gift in memory of Julia Loveland.

Julia Loveland.

Russia



100 years ago, July 17, 1918, thousands of pilgrims gathered at the Church of Blood, on the site of the killings of Czar Nicholas II, his wife and 5 children, Yekaterinburg, Russia.

Ukraine

1030th Anniversary of Baptism of Rus celebrated in Kiev, by tens of thousands of faithful that proceed from St. Vladimir Hill to Kiev's Monastery of the Caves. July 25, 2018.



Washington, D.C.—Chicago, IL



Metropolitan Tikhon led the Washington, D.C. march. Bishop Paul, Fr. Herman

& members of St. Peter & St. Paul Church marching in the Walk for Life Chicago event on January 13, 2019.



CALENDAR

- MAR 9—IGNITING THE FLAME WORKSHOP 8:20 am—4:30 pm. VESPERS TO FOLLOW, REGISTER WITH BARRY KONCEL.
10—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, SET CLOCKS AHEAD.
11—GREAT LENT BEGINS
25—ANNUNCIATION
- APR 21—PALM SUNDAY (SEE WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ALL SERVICES)
28—HOLY PASCHA (EASTER)
- MAY 12—MOTHER'S DAY
27—MEMORIAL DAY. GROUP LEAVES FOR THE HOLYLAND
- JUN 6—ASCENSION
16—PENTECOST
29—APOSTLES ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
LABOR DAY WEEKEND FOCA CONVENTION, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Coral is the 2019 color



January Moon

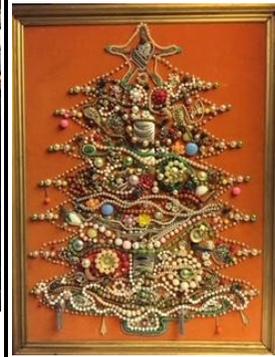


Our Elmhurst parishioners want you to see these 40 something's. On the left, this 40 year old tree is made entirely of old costume jewelry.



Living Coral

Chicago's 2018 perfect 40' Spruce came from Elmhurst.



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