

SAINT TIKHON, APOSTLE TO AMERICA

St. Tikhon was born as Vasily Ivanovich Belavin on January 19, 1865, into the family of Ioann Belavin, a rural priest of the Pskov diocese. His childhood was spent in the village in direct contact with peasants and their labor. From his early years, he displayed a particular religious disposition, love for the Church, as well as rare meekness and humility.

From 1878 to 1883 Vasily studied at the Pskov Theological Seminary. The modest seminarian was tender and affectionate by nature. He was fair-haired and tall of stature. His fellow students liked and respected him for his piety, brilliant progress in studies, and constant readiness to help comrades, who often turned to him for explanations of lessons, especially for help in drawing up and correcting numerous compositions. Vasily was called “bishop” and “patriarch” by his classmates.

In 1888, at the age of 23, Vasily graduated from the St. Petersburg Theological Academy and returned to the Pskov Seminary as an instructor of Moral and Dogmatic Theology. The whole seminary and town became very fond of him. He led an austere and chaste life, and when he turned 26, he took monastic vows. He was given the name Tikhon in honor of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk. He transferred to the Kholm Seminary in 1892 and was raised to the rank of archimandrite. In 1897 St. Tikhon was consecrated Bishop of Lublin. He won the affection of the Russians, Lithuanians, and Poles.

In 1898, he was made Bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska. As head of the Orthodox Church in America, Bishop Tikhon was a zealous laborer in the Lord’s vineyard. He did much to promote the spread of Orthodoxy and to improve his vast diocese. Both clergy and laity loved their archpastor and held him in such high esteem that the Americans made him an honorary citizen of the United States.

On May 22, 1901, he blessed the cornerstone for St. Nicholas Cathedral in New York, and was also involved in establishing other churches. In 1905 the American Mission was made an Archdiocese, and St. Tikhon was elevated to the rank of Archbishop. He had 2 bishops to assist him in administering his large, ethnically diverse diocese. In June 1905, St. Tikhon gave his blessing for the establishment of St. Tikhon’s Monastery.

(He returned to Russia in later years and heroically supported his Church throughout the upheaval and difficult times of famine and civil war, until he fell asleep in the Lord in 1925.)

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Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

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TONE 8

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Holy Apostle James, Son of Alphæus;
Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America;
Ven. Andronicus, and his wife Athanasia, of Egypt;
Righteous forefather Abraham, and his nephew Lot;
Hieromartyr Dionysius, of Paris, Bishop; Martyrs Juventius and Maximus at Antioch;
St. Publia the Confessor, Deaconess, of Antioch; Ven. Peter of Galatia;
The "CHERSON" and "ASSUAGE MY SORROW" Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos*

"Let us bless James, praising him as the messenger of God, for he filled the souls of the pious with wise dogmas. Standing at the throne of glory before the Master, he rejoices with all the angels unceasingly praying for us all."

Kontakion, Tone II

"Chosen by God in a turbulent time, you glorified God in complete holiness; and attained greatness through humility. You showed forth the power of God through simplicity and piety; you laid down your life for the Church and her people. O Holy Confessor and Patriarch, Father Tikhon, pray to Christ God to Whom you were also crucified that He may save our souls."

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 6:16-7:1
HEBREWS 7:26-8:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 7:11-16
JOHN 10:9-16

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 15

1:00 p.m. Baptism of Luke Badgett, son of Sarah and Matthew Badgett

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; General Confession

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ's Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 10

Ephesians 4:25-32

Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday, October 11

Ephesians 5:20-26

Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday, October 12

Ephesians 5:25-33

Luke 8:22-25

Thursday, October 13

Ephesians 5:33-6:9

Luke 9:7-11

Friday, October 14

Ephesians 6:18-24

Luke 9:12-18

Saturday, October 15

I Corinthians 15:39-45

Luke 6:1-10

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OCTOBER:

9, TODAY	Meatloaf Luncheon to benefit St. Herman's House
13, Thursday	7:00 p.m. EOWG 60th Anniversary Banquet at St. Sava's
24, Monday	Cooking dinner for St. Herman's House
	6:00 p.m. IOCC Wine Tasting and Dinner at Woodside
26, Wednesday	Delivering dinner to St. Herman's House
29, Saturday	10:30-12:30 Eastern Churches Seminar at St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church
30, Sunday	Annual Parish Meeting

<p><u>MEMORY ETERNAL:</u> John Miklos fell asleep in the Lord and was buried on Friday, October 7, 2022.</p> <p><u>EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD:</u> This is EOWG's 60th Anniversary year. Their banquet will be October 13, 7:00 p.m., at St. Sava Cathedral on Broadview Rd. Adult tickets are \$25. See Joanne Stoyka. Details are posted in the Hall.</p> <p><u>100th ANNIVERSARY:</u> November 5-6 is the 100th Anniversary Memorial Weekend for Archangel Michael Church! Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Daniel will come to celebrate. Plan to participate in the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy on Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m. A Grand Banquet will follow at 1:00 p.m. To RSVP for the banquet and for further details, visit the Archangel Michael Church website.</p>	<p><u>ST. HERMAN'S MEATLOAF LUNCHEON:</u> The Meatloaf Luncheon is being served today for ticket holders. Church School students and teachers will be served directly after Liturgy. Others will be served after classes begin. All are invited to browse the Basket Raffle, purchase tickets and place them in the bags near each basket.</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The flower sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers are \$15, and payment should be made to Mary Ann Schmidt or Nancy Scardon.</p> <p><u>EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:</u> The annual Seminar sponsored by Notre Dame College will be October 29, 10:30-12:30, at St. Mary Church, 3256 Warren Rd. This year's presenter is Frederica Mathewes-Green. The event is free but requires registration. Please see details in the Hall.</p>
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WINE TASTING TO BENEFIT IOCC

Monday, October 24, 2022

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

*Enjoy a four-course dinner with wine pairings, basket raffle, and cash bar.
And learn how your gifts help families in need around the world.*

St. Michael's Woodside Event Center; 5025 Mill Road in Broadview Hts.
Tickets are \$60; See our HTOC representative Diane Hastings.

Or mail a donation for IOCC to Julie Hall; PO Box 560185; Macedonia, OH 44056

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 10/2/2022	\$ 4490.00
BUILDING FUND	639.00
CANDLES	64.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS, ROOF REPAIRS	135.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	115.00
CHURCH SCHOOL DONATIONS	170.00
COFFEE HOUR, 9/25/22	87.00

SACRIFICE AS GIFT

Most cultures put Americans to shame in their gift giving. Yes, Americans are known to be quite generous in giving money to charities, disaster relief, and other causes. But we're not a big gift-giving culture on a day-in, day-out basis. In Ukraine, when someone would come to our house as guests, even in a very informal way, Ukrainians always would come with a gift – chocolates, cookies, wine – something to show appreciation for the invite, and even more than that, appreciation for the relationship. In Korea, gift giving and sharing was a huge part of the people's culture. Lunar New Year and Harvest Moon festivals were filled with giving loved ones and superiors practical and beautiful gifts packaged up just so. We also were always amazed at and blessed by how much Koreans shared their food and snacks, which they likely bought just for themselves or their family, but did not hesitate to pass on to us a hefty portion of their purchases when we saw them at the park or in the marketplace. Gift giving and sharing are ways that we build relationships with one another by showing we are thinking of the other and going out of our way to do something special for them.

Gift giving has played a very important role also in the Bible and in how God related to His people.

“In the Old Testament...we see God's attempt to draw the Israelites into a relationship with Him by means of ceremonial gift exchange. He first endowed them with gifts that demonstrated His faithfulness: especially the tablets of the Law, the jar of manna, and Aaron's staff that budded. He then provided a way for Israelite worshipers to reciprocate, through sacrificial gifts that could serve as symbolic pledges of inner devotion and tokens of faithfulness. He also added a promise to reward actual faithfulness with further gifts, which they in turn might reciprocate. And even after they were repeatedly unfaithful to Him, He stood ready to renew this reciprocal relationship if they would repent: ‘Return to the Lord your God, because He is merciful and compassionate, long-suffering and of many mercies and repents concerning evils. Who knows if He will turn and repent and leave behind Him a blessing: a sacrifice and a libation to the Lord your God?’ (Joel 2:13-14). God was willing not only to receive back the repentant but also to provide them the means to offer Him gifts of love and gratitude, as a reciprocation.” Davis, Jeremy. *Welcoming Gifts: Sacrifice in the Bible and Christian Life* (p. 65). Ancient Faith Publishing.

God acted first with His specially called people. And He asked the people to keep remembrances of His gifts in the Ark of the Covenant. He gave them knowledge of Him through the Law, He showed His ongoing sustenance through the jar of manna, He showed His commitment to providing a means of mediation between Himself and the people through the priests of Aaron's lineage. And the people could respond and give back in order to deepen the relationship and show that they wanted to have an ongoing encounter with the Lord. Their sacrifices of food and aroma represented their inward self-sacrifice, a giving of their true being over to God.

How has the Lord acted first with us in gift giving? “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). The anaphora of St. John Chrysostom also states it quite nicely, and sometimes we miss the flow of the ongoing sentence in Greek due to the exchange between priest and choir:

“*Remembering*...all that has been done for our sake: the Cross, the tomb, the Resurrection on the third day, the Ascension into heaven, the enthronement at the right hand, and the second and glorious coming; *offering* unto You Your own of Your own on behalf of all and for all, we praise You, we bless you, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, Lord our God.”

This amazing moment shows our response to the gifts God has already given. It is through our “remembering” and our “offering” that we praise, bless, give thanks to, and pray to the Lord. Our sacrifice is the bread and wine set forth. And our sacrifice is also our heartfelt intention of praise and thankfulness that is behind those offerings. May the Lord deepen our relationship as we intentionally offer ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

Fr. Christopher Moore