



Decorated Candles/Tetrapod-In memory of **Deceased members of the Pavlick Family** offered by Alice (Rosahac) Styer

**October Birthdays:** 3- Fr. James Weremedic, 5- Barbara Teno, 7- Michael Harahus, 10- Andrew Balliet, 18- John King, 20- Martha Stafiniak, 26- Peggy Lampman, 27- Fr. Paul Ropitsky, 30- John Lampman; **November Birthdays:** 1- Nicholas Teno Jr., 2- Justin Babinetz, 4- Lena Marie Berezniak, 11- Nancy King, 17-Victoria Weremedic, 17- Irene Puschak

**October Wedding Anniversaries:** 1- Odess & Claire Remington, 3- John & Mary Evetushick, 22- Chris & Marie Kalavritinos; **November Wedding Anniversary:** 13-Walter & Louise Rosahac

Financials 10/24/21: *Operating Acct:* Candles 35 - Altar Candles 20 - Offerings 304 – Non-Envelope 5 - Holy Days 40 – Donations 5000 = Total \$5,404.00. – Building Fund 0, Charity 0. Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. – Thank you!

### **CONFESSION**

Confessions have resumed with minor modifications. Please call the rectory at 570-645-2772 and talk to Father James for a reservation. Call between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Individual schedule times will be spread out during the week. Husband and wife can be scheduled together. Anyone wanting to have a confession, but has concerns of COVID-19, should contact Father James to make the appropriate accommodations.

**Important Fundraiser – Chinese Auction – November 7, 2021**

**We need \$10,000 for Church Roof Repairs above the Sanctuary area of the church.**

**Monetary Donations would be greatly appreciated.**

**Browsing is from 1:00 to 2:30 PM--Auction begins at 2:30 PM**

**See Helen King of Gloria Bench if you are able to help.**

**Volunteers are needed!**

**Monday, November 8 – Honoring the Veterans at Mount**

**Carmel – Divine Liturgy – 9:00 AM; Brunch 11:00 AM**

**Basket Raffle Papers are in the back of the church.**

**October is Clergy Appreciation Month**

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## BELOVED ICON: THE KAZAN MOTHER OF GOD

**T**he Holy Virgin occupies a place of pre-eminence among the vast array of Saints in the Church. She is called "*Theotokos*," a Greek term that has come to be used throughout the Church. The word means Birthgiver or Mother of God, and its use is essential for the proper understanding of the Person of Christ.

A sign of this exalted esteem of the Birthgiver of God is the great number of beloved icons that are devoted to Mother and Child, the Christ. Among these is the one called "*The Kazan Mother of God*."

It first came to note in the 16th century, when a young maiden was directed in a dream to inform Church authorities of the location of a special icon, following a disastrous fire in the area. The girl proceeded to unearth the icon, which was miraculously unharmed. It was then carried in solemn procession to a cathedral. The icon was highly venerated, and believed to cause a number of healing miracles of those who were ill. This design has been popular model for iconographers ever since.

The icon is unique in a number of ways. The Mother of God is depicted to the shoulders only, and bears features that reflect both a tenderness and seriousness as she contemplates the Child she holds. The Infant-Christ appears upright, full-face, and rather serious, too. Only one hand is visible in the Kazan icon: that of the Christchild, raised in blessing. One gets the sense that the Child has an indication of the suffering and passion that awaits Him.

For hundreds of years, then, this icon has inspired the faithful of the Church in their prayer and meditation. Let it do so for us, as well.

## Silent Prayer Before Reading the Holy Scripture

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

### 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (*Epistle*)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Epistle, St. John Kochurov*)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Therefore, let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Therefore, by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

### Luke 8:26-39 (*Gospel*)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

## Priestmartyr John Kochurov

### Tone 1      Troparion *(St. John)*

Thou wast revealed to all as a true shepherd O Hieromartyr John of Chicago, for thou didst nurture thy people in the Orthodox Faith, guiding them by word and deed on the path of salvation, and defended the Faith even unto the shedding of thy blood. Therefore we, thy spiritual children cry out in thanksgiving: "Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee the Martyr's ^crown! // Glory to Him Who through thee grants mercy to all!"

### Tone 3      Kontakion *(for St. John)*

Now the holy Hieromartyr is glorified, for he took up his cross and followed Christ. In so doing, he gave us a model of true discipleship. Therefore, let us cry aloud to him: // "Rejoice, O Father John, the glory of priests!"

Saint John Kochurov, Hieromartyr, Missionary in America, was the first Clergy Martyr of the Russian Revolution.

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