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## *In Boston—“Axios!”*

**Right: Fr. Jeffrey Frate** receiving the epitrachelion of the holy priesthood from His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon.



### Inga Leonova

On July 29 at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, His Eminence Archbishop Nikon ordained Deacon Jeffrey Frate to the holy priesthood and Michael Arida to the subdiaconate.

Father Jeffrey is a graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts and will be attached to the Cathedral. While studying Orthodox theology as an Episcopalian at Holy Cross, Father Jeffrey together with his wife Marissa

and their three children Mary, Rebecca and Peter were received into the Orthodox Church at the Cathedral. The Frate family is involved in the Cathedral's St. Herman Church School and in the monthly community dinners hosted by the parish. Father Jeffrey's new ministry to the Cathedral will help to sustain and hopefully expand its liturgical life. He will also be serving when needed within and beyond the Boston deanery.

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# Reaching out to Youth

Andrew Boyd

*Andrew Boyd is the newly-appointed Director of Youth Ministry for the Orthodox Church in America. A son of St. Alexis Church, Clinton, Conn., and a recent graduate of St. Vladimir's Seminary, he has been active across the Diocese of New England in the life of the Church.*

I was speaking the other day with someone and they asked me why church camping programs mattered so much. After all, in the OCA, often these programs are just a week in the summer. What kind of difference can a week make in a child's spiritual life? My argument? All the difference!

What was most valuable to me growing up in New England was the sense of normalcy that Youth Rally brought. While I grew up in a wonderful parish with active and involved kids, I attended a school system where few other kids were Orthodox. Many of you know what I was like as a kid, an unapologetic "church nerd." The value of experiences like Youth Rally is that, suddenly, you become normal. In that environment, it is normal to want to go to church, normal to read the scriptures, normal to keep the fasts. In my daily life in public school, that wasn't the case.

Now, don't misunderstand me: I'm not arguing for a Christian ghetto. I'm pointing out the power in our ancient traditions of prayer, fellowship, fasting, scripture, and worship.

Events like Youth Rally help to strengthen our youth in the faith because of the simple, Christian routines and rhythms they are exposed to. In

the short time they are there, it becomes normal to pray together in the morning, evening, and before bed. It becomes normal to forgive and model forgiveness. It becomes normal to study scripture and partake in the sacraments (especially confession). A life in Christ becomes the norm not by fiat or law, but by living together in Christian fellowship.

I often get asked "what can we do to keep our kids in church?" Well, I don't have kids, and I can't relate to too much of the parenting experience. However, I did grow up in the church and I can make some observations. Bribing, cajoling and threatening only get us so far—that is, into a Church building. Those techniques build resentment more than a life in Christ.

Likewise, merely showing up to Church every so often is also not a great method for passing on a Christian life to your children. After all, I go to the doctor's office and the DMV every once in a while, but those infrequent trips don't motivate me to get involved with either organization.

And let's face it, to a teenager who has little knowledge of scripture or Church history, and little personal relationship with Christ or a Church community, the Liturgy can be just as mind-numbing as a trip to the DMV. Most likely, our children aren't going to be better Christians than we are, so we need to model to them the richest Christian life possible.

Do you read scripture at home?

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*Youth to 10*

# Terryville Elevator Epistles

Rev. John Hopko

*The following are a series of notes from Fr. Hopko, pastor of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville, Conn., narrating the progress of constructing a new elevator. —Ed.*



Thought you'd be interested to know that we have begun the building of our elevator shaft here in Terryville. Attached is photo of hole being cut through concrete wall of basement for downstairs elevator door. The shaft is being built just outside the north wall of the Church, but first they have to cut the necessary holes through the wall of the Church.

Here's the foundation slab and the downstairs doorway into the Church for our new elevator.



What you see in this photograph is the concrete foundation and walls of the lower part of the shaft. The blue tarp is draped over the walls to protect the open top from rain. The turquoise that you see is the rubber compound that was applied to the concrete walls to waterproof them. Next comes the framing and building up of the upper part of the shaft.

Here's the top/roof of the elevator tower. It is being constructed on the ground and then will be lifted by crane up on to the elevator shaft. Should be an exciting day tomorrow.



Here's the latest external view of the Elevator Project at Saints Cyril and Methodius in Terryville. Next comes the brick and siding. Thanks to Jack Kriniske's well kept records from 30 years ago, we were able to exactly match the brick from when the church was built 30 years ago! It comes to us from a "brickery" in South Carolina! Inside work continues. Hopefully we will soon be ready for the actual elevator!

*[The project is now finished, in time for the 100th anniversary celebration of Ss. Cyril & Methodius on Sept. 29-30. —Ed.]*

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## Three Saints Church, Ansonia, Conn.

Barbara Ann Dixon

On Saturday, June 9, a work party was held at Three Saints Park in Bethany. Thanks go to Father Patrick, Nick Timpko Jr., Peter Kavall, Andy Hvizd III, John LaFosse and Nina Kosowsky, who helped get the park ready for the season.

On Thursday, June 14, a prosphora work shop was held. Our hard-working ladies, (Carol, Delores, Justine, Mary, Nina, Olga, and Stefanie) arrived bright and early to assist Father Patrick. Sufficient prosphora was made to carry the parish into the fall.

On June 24, the parish prayed for and congratulated Douglas Turaj, who will be attending St. Mary's College in Vermont and Courtney Egan (a student at UCONN), winner of the Charlene Kaimer scholarship. We wish you much success in your endeavors. Many Years!

**Below Left:** Father Patrick Burns and Paul Juzwishen congratulate **Douglas Turaj.**

**Above Right:** The participants in this summer's Vacation Church School at Three Saints Park.

**Below Right:** Examples of the **crosses children decorated** during the program.

Photos: Nina Kosowsky



The parish conducted a Vacation Church School for children ages 5 and up, July 9–13, at Three Saints Park in Bethany. Father Patrick led the program, assisted by Matushka Cindy Voytovich, Mary and Ernie Pagliaro, Nina Kosowsky, Daria Kosowsky, Paula Pawchyk, Susan Lukianov, Stephanie Savoyski, Justine Tuz, Stacey Pimpinelli, Nona Richards and

Nicholas Timpko, Jr. The theme this year was The Beatitudes. Activities included learning about the Beati-



tudes, praying, singing and swimming.

On Friday evening, the children sang responses for the Vesper Service. A family night cookout and awarding of certificates for completing the program were held following Vespers.



The children participating were members of local parishes, Three Saints (Ansonia), Holy Transfiguration (New Haven), Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Stratford), St Nicholas (Norwich), Saints Peter and Paul (Meriden), Christ the Savior (Southbury), St. Sergius Chapel (Syosset, NY)—and also Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Kodiak, Alaska!

**Right:** Fr. Patrick with members of Three Saints **blesses vehicles.**  
*Photo: Ann Tilden*

The children enjoyed the crafts and water sports and can't wait to see what Father Patrick is planning for next summer's session.

On July 22, a Blessing of Vehicles was held following Liturgy. Anything that had wheels was blessed: wheelchairs, bicycles, skateboards and all the automobiles.

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## *St. Mark's, Kingston, Mass., welcomes friends from China*

Laura Geigle

In July, the parish welcomed Subdeacon Shell Shortes and his family during their visit from China.

*Back (left to right):* Subdeacon Peter Condrick, Subdeacon Shell Shortes, Archdeacon Nicholai Drobot, Fr.

James Robinson, Subdeacon Gregory Arnold, Nicholas Haddad.

*Middle:* Nicholas Williams, Peter Homyk, Evan Shortes.

*Front:* Daniel & Vladimir Homyk

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# What comes down, must go up



**Above Right:** The cupola of Holy Transfiguration covered in scaffolding and tarps in June, during renovations.

**Below Left:** Holy Transfiguration bereft of its cupola.

**Below Right:** The freshly-clad cupola, about to be restored to its proper place.

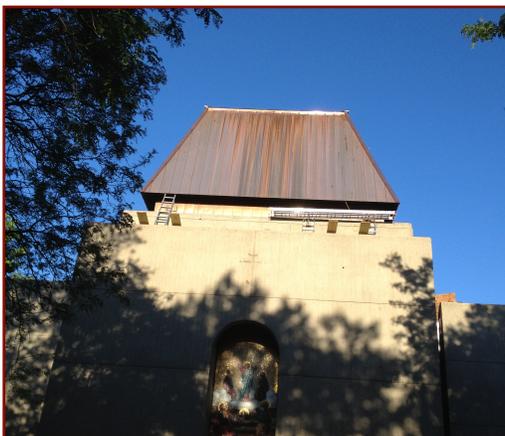
Severe storms have damaged the cupola of Holy Transfiguration Church, New Haven—to the extent that the building was temporarily designated hazardous and off-limits, due to falling debris.

To resolve the crisis, the parish arranged for the cupola to be removed to the parish parking lot, where it remained for most of the summer while it was renovated. The parish commissioned Woodbridge Roofing to renovate the cupola to a much higher standard of safety and beauty.

Fr. Michael Westerberg worked with the company to commit to a design inspired by various examples of Russian churches. The cupola now is clad in copper, with 500 rosettes.

On Aug. 10, the cupola was blessed and then was lifted back into place, where the church hopes it will remain for a hundred years.

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## *SS. Peter & Paul Church, Meriden, Conn.*

Donna Leonowich



**Above: Noah Leonowich** at his Fordham University graduation.

**Below: Dana Thibeau** stands with Donna Leonowich after being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society of Middlesex Community College.

In May, Noah P. Leonowich graduated from Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, the Bronx, New York. He earned a Bachelor in Science degree in Accountancy from the Gabelli School of Business. While at Fordham, Noah was a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the Honors Organization for Financial Information Professionals.

At the Gabelli School of Business Senior Awards Night Ceremony, he was recognized for The Gabelli School of Business Consulting Project which allows student to apply the knowledge they have gained during their undergraduate studies to help community organizations.

Noah held a two-year internship with Goldman Sachs, in their Tax Department. This summer he is interning at Ernst and Young Accounting Firm in Manhattan. In the fall, Noah will enroll in the Master of Science degree program at Fordham University to complete his education in accounting.

Noah is the son of Donna and Paul Leonowich of Cheshire.

This spring, Dana Thibeau was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society of Middlesex Community College. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society that rewards academic excellence while promoting leadership, fellowship, and service. In May, Dana received The Nihla and Bob Lapidus Foundation Scholarship.

Dana is pursuing an Associate in Science degree in Multimedia. Upon graduation, Dana would like to transfer to The Rhode Island School of Design and pursue a career in video game development and design.

Dana is an active member of the SS. Peter and Paul Brotherhood Society, and volunteers his time with seniors at the church. He lives in Meriden with his dad, Leroy Thibeau. Dana's mother is the late Mary Thibeau.

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# Christ the Savior, Southbury, Conn.

Sarah Cole

**Above Right: Timothy and Sofia Cole** stand with Fr. Vladimir Alean-dro after having received awards for perfect attendance at Christ the Savior Church School.

**Below Left:** Fr. Vladimir and M. Suzanne Alean-dro, Church School Co-ordinator, **presented awards** to Cheryl Cote, a student at Southern Connecticut State College; Amanda Vizzo, a recent graduate of Oxford High School; and Thomas Halvorsen, a graduate of the Independent Day School. Missing from the photo is Rachel Fatse, a student at Roger Williams College in Rhode Island.

**Below Right: Teens of Christ the Savior Church** completed the two year series The Way, the Truth and the Life.

1st row: Alex Bondarev,  
2nd row: James Brock-ett, Amanda Vizzo, Julia Brockett, and Youth Coordinator Kari Stewart.

3rd row: Megan Curran, Michael Cramer, Dimitri Haddad and Marlena Haddad. Missing from the photo are Brianna Germond and Nicholas Fatse.

Photos: Nicholas Yuschak, Jr.

Our community held our brothers and sisters in the Turkana, Kenya close to our hearts this summer, as Fr. Vladimir and Matushka Suzanne traveled back to participate in the consecration of the chapel which they helped build on their first mission trip. Joining the mission team is Emily Farison, a child of our community from our days as a mission, now living in Indiana.

On July 1, we celebrated the baptism of Cecilia Anne Cole, with her family, friends and Godparents, Nick and Daria Yuschak.

As the school year ended, our youth were presented scholarships and awards. Amanda Vizzo, graduating from high school, Thomas Halvorsen, graduating from middle school, along with college students Cheryl Cote, Rachel Fatse and Rachel Kopcha, all received scholarships. Timothy and Sofia Cole received perfect Live Wire attendance awards.

During the summer months we have held "Kid's Club" during coffee



hour for any children who wish to come enjoy a story about a bible hero, crafts, games and fun.

May God grant our youth, their teachers and families fresh excitement for the new school year as we study of St. Paul's journey to spread the word of Jesus among the first Christians.

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**Above:** His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon ordains **Michael Arida** to the subdiaconate.

**Right:** The newly-ordained stand with their families, Archbishop Nikon, Fr. Michael Arida, and other clergy and servers.

## Ordinations from I

At the end of his last liturgy at the Cathedral, Archbishop Job had blessed Michael Arida to wear the subdiaconal orarion. This last episcopal act of Archbishop Job was in recognition of Michael's love and knowledge of the divine services.

Over the years Michael has assisted the *locum tenentes* of New Eng-

land along with His Eminence Archbishop Nikon and clergy in and outside of the Boston deanery.

Acknowledging Michael's love for the services and detailed knowledge of their order and "choreography," Archbishop Nikon decided to formally ordain Michael sub-deacon. Michael attends the Cathedral with his wife Alina and their children Anna and Robert. **ONE** †



## Youth from 2

Do you pray as a family? Do you do charitable works together? Do you attend more than just the Sunday Liturgy with your family? Is fasting a regular occurrence in the household?

All the riches of our ancient tradition are readily adaptable for our modern home, but it takes sacrifice, and effort. The norms that are taught and learned at Youth Rally can also be taught and learned in the home, if we have the discipline to make this life in Christ *our* life in Christ.

One of the greatest assets that I was given as a child and a young adult

was to be exposed to greater diocesan life, to see and find examples of good, strong, normal Christians. Some worked in sales, some taught, others were in the military and ordained ranks. Exposing me to adult examples of committed Christians helped me to understand that this life, in and for Christ and His Church was the real normal, the real sanity. As I start my new work, and continue to develop new programs and resources for our youth and young adults, I will always look back with gratitude to my formation in New England.

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## *Dr. Veselin Kesich reposes in the Lord*

Deborah Belonick

On Tuesday morning, June 26, 2012, Dr. Veselin Kesich, who was Professor of New Testament emeritus at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, reposed in the Lord. Professor Kesich was beloved by generations of seminary alumni, not only for his academic expertise but also for the hospitality and love he demonstrated to students, along with his wife, Lydia (+ 2006).

Professor Kesich was born in Bosnia, Yugoslavia, March 12, 1921. At the end of the Second World War he lived in a Displaced Persons Camp in Italy until he was selected to study theology at Dorchester College in England. In 1949 he came to New York to continue his studies at Columbia University, St. Vladimir's Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary, receiving his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1959.

From 1953–1991 he served on the Faculty of St. Vladimir's, focusing on New Testament Studies, and from 1983–1984 he served as Acting Dean. When time permitted, he taught elective courses in Serbian Church History, which resulted in several journal articles and essays in books: "The Martyrdom of the Serbs: The Church in the Ustashe State, 1941–1945," "The Early Serbian Church as Described in the Earliest Serbian Biography," "Bosnia: History and Religion," and "Ko-

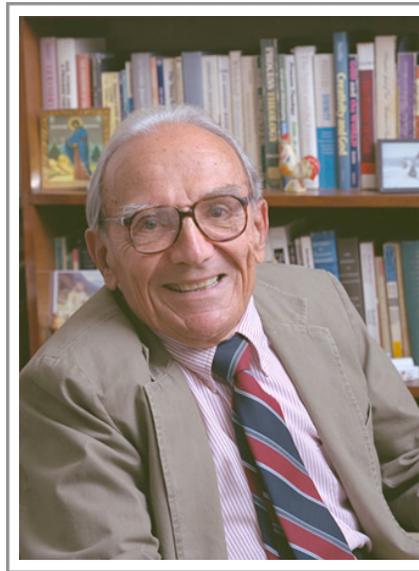
sovo in the History of the Serbian Church."

Always Orthodox in his perspective and a willing witness to his faith, he participated as the Orthodox member of several ecumenical dialogues with Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, and served as the President of the Orthodox Theological Society. Additionally, he lectured, participated in panel discussions, and served as a retreat leader to college groups and church gatherings throughout the country.

His most recent book, *Formation and Struggles: The Birth of the Church AD 33–200* (2007) fulfilled his desire to re-

activate and contribute to *The Church in History* series published by St Vladimir's Seminary Press (SVS Press), a series designed to present a view of church history from the Orthodox Christian scholarly and theological point of view. His other works, all published by SVS Press, include: with Lydia W. Kesich, *The Treasures of the Holy Land* (1985); *The First Day of the New Creation* (Crestwood: SVS Press, 1982); *The Gospel Image of Christ: The Church and Modern Criticism* (1972; second enlarged edition, 1991); and *The Passion of Christ* (1965; new introduction 2004).

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## Upcoming Events

- November 15** Deadline for next issue of the ONE
- October 6** Orthodox Education Day at St. Vladimir's Seminary, NY
- October 7** Fellowship of Orthodox Churches in Connecticut Benefit Dinner, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Bridgeport, Conn. Guest Speaker: Jennifer Nahas, Executive Director of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship.
- October 26-27** Diocesan Assembly in Salem, Mass.
- Nov. 2-4** 39th Annual Russian Tea Room and Bazaar, All Saints Church, Hartford, Conn.
- November 13** 17th All-American Council in Parma, Ohio