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## Archpriest William DuBovik: *Memory Eternal!*

Rev. Joshua Mosher

On Thursday, June 6, Fr. William DuBovik, Jr., rector of All Saints Church, Hartford, fell asleep in the Lord after several weeks of illness.

Born to the late Mary and William DuBovik in New Haven, he attended *In Memoriam* to 8

**Right:** The altar is assembled in the course of the **consecration of the new temple of St. Nicholas Church, Pittsfield, Mass.**  
*Photo: John Barone*



## Consecration in Pittsfield, Mass.

On Saturday, June 8, the new temple of St. Nicholas Church, Pittsfield, Mass., was consecrated. His Eminence, Nikon, Archbishop of Boston, New England, and the Albanian Archdiocese presided; with His Grace, Michael, Bishop of New York and New Jersey; Fr. Barnabas Fravel, rector of St. Nicholas; and many clergy.

# Parish Growth Workshop

Timothy Fetzko

**Right:** Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff gave a lively and thought-provoking presentation on parish growth at Holy Trinity Church, Willimantic in April. Photo: Timothy Fetzko.



Archpriest Jonathan Ivanoff led a Parish Growth Ministry Seminar at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church on Saturday, April 20, 2013, attended by 27 participants from parishes throughout Connecticut.

Fr. Ivanoff has long been considered a leader in the field of church growth ministry, and his three presentations served to enlighten and uplift. Pastor at Saint John the Theologian Orthodox Church, Long Island, NY, for the past two decades, Fr. Jonathan is the Director of Orthodox Natural Church Development. Since 1998, Fr. Jonathan has worked with more than 80 parishes in the field of Parish Growth Development.

The three main areas Fr. Jonathan's presentation included:

- Understanding the Challenges Facing Christianity and Orthodoxy in the 21st century.

- A survey of the North American spiritual landscape over the past 100 years.
- Demystologizing Church Growth: Six Common Myths About Church Growth and How to Overcome Them.

Fr. Jonathan emphasized that God will send new parishioners only when those communities are adequately prepared to receive new members. Citing many statistics and using graphs, Fr. Jonathan pointed out that when parishes enter a downward cycle it normally takes a minimum of seven years to fully reverse that cycle.

The descent into the downward cycle can often continue for a period of time, even after the parish has committed to reversing that trend. On the other hand, an upward cycle can

# *Youth Rally 2013: Aug. 12–17*

Archpriest John Hopko

If you have been to past Rallies, you know that it is an unforgettable experience. If you have not attended, you will surely discover that coming to Rally is something you will look forward to year after year. It is a time of meeting and making friends that share your Orthodox Faith. You will develop relationships and discover new things about your Faith, the Church, yourself, and others whom you will meet during Rally, and will have lots of fun in the process.

There is plenty to do at Youth Rally. In addition to time for learning, there is time for activities like swimming, sports and field games, arts and crafts, trail-walking and more. We also plan to take an afternoon and evening to go to Canobie Lake Park, a really great amusement park close to the campgrounds.

Youth Rally begins on Monday, August 12. The deadline for registration is July 12.

We expect that His Eminence, our Archbishop Nikon, will join us for a day at Rally, an opportunity he looks forward to with pleasure each year.

Youth Rally is held at Saint Methodios Faith and Heritage Center, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston's camp and retreat center in Contoocook, New Hampshire.

Adult volunteers for Youth Rally are always welcome. There is especially a need for cabin counselors, who commit to spend the whole week of Rally.

Fliers and information packets have been distributed to each parish in the Diocese of New England. Please strongly consider joining us at Youth Rally 2013. You won't regret it!

*Fr. John Hopko is Diocesan Youth Director.*

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## *A personal message from the Parsons*

Pamela Parsons, a member of the Diocesan Council and of St. Peter & St. Paul Church in Springfield, Mass., was hospitalized last year due to a serious illness. She has since experienced a remarkable recovery. Pamela and her husband Michael asked to share the following message with the Diocese of New England:

"A belated but sincere thank you to all who prayed for Pam's recovery and who provided food to us and sent cards! And plants! And visited!"

"Yours in Christ,  
Pam and Mike Parsons"

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# *St. Mark of Ephesus Church, Kingston, Mass., celebrates 30 years*

Jen Paulin

**Above:** His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon awards the Kamilavka to Fr. James Robinson. **Below:** Celebrations at St. Mark's 30th Anniversary Banquet.



During the weekend of May 18–19, St. Mark of Ephesus in Kingston, Mass., joyously celebrated our thirtieth Anniversary! We were blessed to have His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon join us for Great Vespers on Saturday night in addition to a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy the following morning.

Father John Bacon and Father Anthony Gori, both who had formerly served at St. Mark's in previous years, were also able to join us for the weekend in addition to our current rector, Father James Robinson. Past

members journeyed from Florida and New York, as well as other parts of Massachusetts, to share in the celebration.

His Eminence presented Father James with the *Kamilavka* and the *Nabedrennik*, making the day even more memorable.

After the Hierarchical Liturgy, a celebratory Anniversary Banquet was held at the nearby Isaac's Restaurant on the Plymouth Waterfront. During the banquet, several current and past clergy and parishioners shared their memories of the early days at St. Mark's and visions for its future.

The Women's Group also displayed and sold copies of their cookbook, another initiative to commemorate the anniversary celebration.

We are grateful to God for planting the seeds of faith and eagerly look forward to discovering His plan for St. Mark's! Glory to Jesus Christ!

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## *Three Saints Vacation Church School*

Rev. Patrick Burns

Three Saints Church is once again hosting a “Vacation Church School,” July 8–12, 2013. The theme this year is “Heroes of the Old Testament.”

The sessions will last from 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Thursday. Vacation Church School will be held at Three Saints Park, 112 Miller Road,

Bethany, Conn. Each day we will pray, learn, sing, work, and have fun together.

We had many children from various parishes in the region, and we hope even more will join us this year.

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**Left:** Families from Holy Trinity Church, New Britain, joined SS. Peter & Paul Church, Meriden, Conn., in a **Pysanky** and (pictured) simpler egg-dying workshop in April.

**Right: Family Game Night** at SS. Peter & Paul Church, Meriden, Conn., in May.



## *Giving Above and Beyond: ONE Stewards Update*

Protodeacon Paul Nimchek

As of the end of May, donations to ONE Stewards have totaled over \$17,000. Thank you to all who have contributed “above and beyond” thus far. We are on our way to again exceed the 2013 budget goal of \$20,000. The 2013 donations have included 7 “Bishop’s Circle” donors (\$500 or more) with two of these being a first-time donor in that very special group.

Show your support of our diocesan Youth, our diocesan Seminarians, our diocesan Missions (which includes our new mission, Christ the Savior in Maine), and our diocesan Charity do-

nations with your 2013 donation to ONE Stewards. Great Lent is a perfect time to consider “giving above and beyond.” Let’s all join Archbishop Nikon in supporting ONE Stewards in 2013.

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Yours in Christ, Deacon Paul

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## *St. Nicholas Church, Pittsfield, Mass. Consecration of the new temple, June 2013*



On June 8, 2013, the new temple for St. Nicholas Church, Pittsfield, Mass., was consecrated. The rite involves consecrating the new altar, with relics placed in it, and then blessing the building inside and out. Fr. Joseph Petranin, rector emeritus, is shown in his riassa, alongside current rector Fr. Barnabas Fravel. **ONE +**





## In Memoriam from I

Holy Transfiguration Church there in his youth. He graduated from St. Tikhon's Seminary and was ordained to the diaconate in 1988 and the priesthood in 1989. He served in the Diocese of New England for the rest of his life—at St. Nicholas Church, Norwich, Conn., and Three Saints, Ansonia, Conn., before being assigned the rector of All Saints.

He served the diocese beyond his pastoral responsibilities, as well. He was editor of the *Orthodox New England* for many years, and since then has continued to write numerous articles. He also contributed to the *Orthodox Christian Journal* and other publications. He was a published poet, some of whose works have appeared in the *ONE*.

Prior to ordination, he was active in journalism and politics. He was a candidate for State Representative and a Justice of the Peace. He was a public and ardent voice for the sanctity of life. He also served as a reporter and an editor in local newspapers.

Fr. William was acquainted with sorrows, but full of joy and love throughout his life. His beloved wife, Matushka Suzanne (Jarven) DuBovik, fell asleep in the Lord in 1986. His sisters Janice and Estelle also departed this life comparatively early. He remained a dedicated and loving father to his children Christopher DuBovik and Nadia DuBovik-Lugo; and took joy in his grandchildren Nazarius William Lugo and Alexander Francis Lugo.

Services for his funeral were held at All Saints, Hartford. At the

**Right:** Fr. William DuBovik. Memory eternal!



panikhida on June 10, fourteen priests, including Chancellor of the OCA John Jillions, and Protodeacon Paul Nimchek, joined His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon to honor Fr. William's memory.

Fr. Nicholas Timpko spoke personally and lovingly of his friendship with Fr. William. He spoke of Fr. William's struggles in life, but focused on his love for his family—both his relations and his parish family.

Fr. Nicholas said that Fr. William was always aware of the presence of God; even in unendurable pain, he would stop and recite Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...." His love for his parish was evidenced in the large number of people who flocked to attend the panikhida that evening.

At Fr. William's funeral on Tuesday morning, June 11, His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon presided in the company twenty priests, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek, and many other serv-

ers. At the traditional funeral service for a departed priest, there are five readings each from the Epistle and Gospel, as well as certain special hymns speaking of the priest's faithful service and hope in the Lord.

Fr. Michael Westerberg preached, explaining the significance of the service and saying of Fr. William: "People would say that he knew much sadness in life .... But I do not think he would speak of sadness but of joy. In the midst of his suffering, he never grumbled but had constant trust that God's love does not fail." Fr. Michael con-

cluded, "Knowing that the works of God were made manifest in Fr. William's life, we pray that he will be granted a place at the Lord's banquet table, where he will always sing, 'Alleluia.'"

At the conclusion of the service, Fr. William was carried by his brother priests in a procession around the church. After a reception at All Saints, he was buried in Three Saints Cemetery in Seymour, Conn. May Fr. William's memory be eternal!

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## *Unanswered Prayers*

by Father William DuBovik

*Among Fr. William's pastoral gifts was his thoughtful writing. He made many contributions to the ONE over the years. The following is a reflection on "Unanswered Prayers," from 2004:*

From time to time we may think that certain requests we make to God, part of our prayers, are ignored or unanswered by Him. This is because of the clouds through which we see so many things — clouds that are a result of our fallen being, for truly God answers all prayers. How could it be otherwise, for we read in the Bible that what we will ask in the name of Jesus we will receive.

Then why is it, some ask, that what we ask for — seemingly things good and needed by us — are sometimes not realized. We must begin by acknowledging that we cannot totally know the essence of God, and that some things do remain a mystery, call-

ing on our faith, lest we be disillusioned.

However, there is more. In our relationship with God, we know that we are separated from Him by our fallen nature, which corrupts body, mind, heart and soul. As we have said, we do not know God, the infinite, in His essence, nor can we from our finite existence. He is uncreated, with no beginning or end, and this is beyond our comprehension, for we are created and know of a beginning and earthly end.

And yet God in His love for us sought to bridge the gap, by sending His Son to us. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God the Son, is in perfect union with God the Father, as is the Holy Spirit — the Trinity undivided as we proclaim in our worship and teachings.

The unity that we lacked was seen perfect in Jesus Christ, and we witness

the cost of that perfect union — it cost Jesus His earthly life, killed at the hands of His creation that is corrupted by Satan.

Yet, our Lord rises — literally — and defeats evil and death, ushering in His Kingdom. With His crucifixion our flesh is crucified, and with His Resurrection, it is restored for entrance into eternity with Him.

Thus, to call on the name of this living, divine, victorious Jesus is indeed most powerful. And, to speak of asking for something in His name is to speak of attaining unity with God the Father — praying that His will, whatever that may be, will be done.

Each of us can think of something for which we earnestly asked God, only to be told “no.” It might have tortured us at the time not to get it, but later upon reflection, looking back we can understand and thank God that our prayer was not answered with a “yes.”

This latter understanding was just impossible to fathom, unthinkable, at the time of denial. We learn here something of our emotions, thoughts, temporal being, passions, and what makes us tick — our clocks are frequently not on God's time.

Yes, too, there are times when we earnestly prayed, certain that what we asked for was indeed the best thing

for us, and looking back still do not understand why God did not “answer our prayer” — or as we would have it, did not say “yes” to our prayer.

Such situations call on our faith, trusting in the unfolding of God's Providence, according to His will, out of our great love for God, knowing how much He loves and cares for us. In these instances, we need to recall the other temporary disappointments that we came to understand with time as we grew spiritually and

emotionally.

From this we can learn again that not only are the answers to our prayers found in unity with God, as we grow closer to Him, accepting His will, seeking to make it our own, but that our understanding of the answers are found in that unity. His wisdom is not our wisdom.

St. Paul assured us that all works for good in those who love God. There are no limits to this statement. The most terrible situations, the largest disappointments, as well as the most joyful events, whatever, will work for good if we truly love God. And if we truly love God, we will constantly strive to grow closer to Him.

Christ is Risen!  
Indeed He is Risen!

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## **The most terrible situations ... as well as the most joyful events ... will work for good if we truly love God.**

## Workshop from 2

often last as long as 25 years before leveling off.

Fr. Jonathan also encouraged pastors and church community leaders to continually identify the changing needs of the cities and towns their parishes are located.

"I am so happy that I participated in today's workshop! I wasn't at all sure what to expect, and was so glad to listen to Father Jonathan's engaging presentation," Holy Trinity parishioner Daria Biancardi said. "The words I would use to describe today are 'thought-provoking' and 'inspiring.'"

Following registration, a Molieben (Service of Thanksgiving) was held. In between presentations, seminar participants prayed the Sixth Hour (12:00 PM), which was then followed by a Lenten Luncheon coordinated by Reader Steven Bradford and assisted by Holy Trinity parishioners. The

**Above and Below Right:**  
Scenes from the **Parish Growth Workshop** in Willimantic, Conn.  
*Photos: Timothy Fetzko.*



seminar concluded with Great Vespers.

The seminar was underwritten by faithful Holy Trinity Orthodox Church parishioner, Mrs Evelyn Reynolds, 93.

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| <b>July 12</b>   | Deadline for registration for Youth Rally 2013  |
| <b>Aug 12–17</b> | New England Diocesan Youth Rally 2013   |
| <b>Oct 6</b>     | Fellowship of Orthodox Churches in Connecticut Annual Banquet—His Beatitude, Met. Tikhon speaking |
| <b>Oct 25–26</b> | 50th Diocesan Assembly at Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport   |