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Right: Children at SS. Peter & Paul Church, Meriden, Conn., decorate shields in honor of St. George.



After Winter, Spring Blessings

Rev. Joshua Mosher

Despite the long, challenging winter, the parish family of SS. Peter & Paul has rejoiced in a spate of blessings this year. We welcomed our archpastor, His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon, for his annual visitation on Meatfare Sunday. The restoration of the church interior nears the end of another phase. And we have had a series of special celebrations, even as we prepared for the greatest joy of Pascha.

On Feb. 25, we celebrated the baptism of Cora Marie Sousa, daughter of

Mario and Natasha—and granddaughter of Tim and Alexia Tassmer. On March 18, Timothy Beck was baptized. Timothy is the son of Joshua Beck and Veronica Tassmer—and another grandchild of the Tassmers. And after Pascha we had a third baptism, this time of Sophia Helen Uliase, daughter of Joseph and Jen Uliase. Sophia is a fifth-generation member of the parish.

Meanwhile, the youth group collaborated to purchase and assemble Easter baskets for neighborhood families in need. Each year, the parish

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ONE Stewards

2018 Summer Appeal



Protodeacon Paul Nimchek

As of early May, the 2018 ONE Stewards donations total over \$17,000 and our diocesan budget for 2018 is again \$22,000. Our ONE Stewards donations support our diocesan Youth programs, Seminarians, Missions, OCA Seminaries, and Charity donations. The annual Diocesan Youth Rally is scheduled again for August. ONE Stewards donations are critical in supporting the upcoming Youth Rally and all the diocesan activities mentioned.

Show your support by “Giving Above and Beyond” with a 2018 summer donation to ONE Stewards so that we reach and even exceed our budgeted goal. A ONE Stewards envelope is included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Recently our Archbishop Nikon made a visit to St. Alexis Orthodox Church in Clinton, Conn. As part of the Archbishop’s visit, the parish had a special ONE Stewards collection during the reception that followed the Liturgy. Over \$800 was donated by the faithful of St. Alexis. Consider a special collection in your parish to support ONE Stewards.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Right: The newly-minted “St. Nina Orthodox Teen Society” of SS. Peter & Paul, Meriden, Conn., stands with ten large Easter baskets they assembled. Story on next page.





Above: Family and friends gather to witness the baptism of Timothy Beck.

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Below: Melina Milner admires the tea trays ready for the parish **Theotokos Tea Party** on the feast of Annunciation.

seeks the advice of the local school to identify families who could use moral and material support. In time for western Easter, we deliver baskets full of useful supplies and treats for kids. This year, the youth group was given a budget from the parish Charity Fund and shopped for all the items. They also took time to select a name: the St. Nina's Orthodox Teen Society. (They were entertained by the acronym as well.) Thanks go to Jesse Torgerson and Joe Uliase for guiding the shopping trip.

For several years now, we have adopted the celebration of a "Theotokos Tea Party" to honor the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. This year, we decided





Above: Children listen to the **story of Holy Great Martyr George.**

to shift the party to the feast of the Annunciation instead. Girls carried icons in procession during the service, and afterward we came down to find the fellowship hall beautifully decorated in white. The girls had a special table with tea trays of delights to complete the joyful occasion.

We added a new celebration this year in observance of the feast of St. George. We asked the children to “design a dragon,” and they brought an impressive array of projects. In our “Dragon Stable,” we had a variety of drawings, sculptures and Lego constructions. On the day, we heard the story of St. George

Below: A sample of the multitude of denizens of the **Dragon Stable** for the celebration of St. George at SS. Peter & Paul Church.





Above: Children display the shields they decorated for the **feast of St. George.**

the Great Martyr and then the kids got busy coloring sturdy paper shields, which they brandished with enthusiasm.

As we turn to summer, our first fresh blessing is our patronal feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul—all our welcome! We look forward to participating in the Diocesan Youth retreat in Hartford led by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

on June 30 [see page 7]. We are thrilled to hear Youth Rally will continue as planned in August, and we plan to send both kids and volunteers. And we are preparing for the All-American Council, honored that one of our members, Dave Zavednak, has been chosen to serve as vice-chair. We hope to see many of you at all these upcoming blessings! **ONE** +

Below: Sophia Uliase is chrismated.



Caring, Celebration & Recognition at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, Connecticut

Right: Participants in
Scout Sunday at Christ the
Savior Church.



Nicholas Yuschak, Jr.

Vespers at the Lutheran Home:

On Sunday, January 28 members of Christ the Savior Church visited the nearby Lutheran Home in Southbury shortly after Liturgy to celebrate Vespers.

Many Residents of the Home are no longer able to attend Services or leave the Home and always look forward to an opportunity to worship with us and have visitors.

Another New Catechumen:

Blessings and a warm welcome to Jamie Leone who was received on Sunday, February 4, as our newest catechumen during Divine Liturgy!

Souper Bowl of Caring:

Bells were ringing and pots were banging after Liturgy on February 4 as our children held out soup pots to collect donations for the hungry. At total of \$600 was collected this year with proceeds going to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. A total of 21 bags of groceries were also collected for our local Woodbury Food Bank. Thank you to all who gave so generously this year!

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Orthodox New England Youth & Parents Retreat

**The Life and Teachings of St Tikhon
Patriarch of Moscow & Enlightener of North America**



Retreat Leader

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon

Primate of the Orthodox Church in America

Saturday, June 30th, 2018

9:30am	Greeting & Vesting of the Metropolitan
10:00am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
12 Noon	Festal Lunch <i>with His Beatitude, Met. Tikhon</i>
12:30pm	Session I - "The Life of St. Tikhon"
2:00pm	Akathist & Veneration of the Relics of St. Tikhon
3:00pm	Session II - "The Teachings of St. Tikhon"
4:30pm	Great Vespers for the Resurrection
5:30pm	Dinner & Fellowship <i>with His Beatitude</i>
6:30pm	Dismissal <i>w/ singing of "Eis Polla"</i>

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Upcoming Events

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Deadline for the next issue of the ONE

Hierarchal Divine Liturgy & Full Day Youth Retreat led by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, at All Saints, Hartford

July 9-13

Vacation Church School at Three Saints Park, Bethany, Conn.

July 20

Youth Retreat at All Saints, Hartford

July 23-27

All-American Council

Aug. 13-18

Diocesan Youth Rally