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Right: Clergy and faithful assembled at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, for the **funeral service of His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon.**



Rest of Archbishop Nikon

Eminence, the Most Reverend Nikon, Archbishop of Boston, New England, and the Albanian Archdiocese, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday morning, Sept. 1. He had celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood in July.

Born Nicholas Liolin on Oct. 9, 1949, he married Sarah Arthur in 1967, and was ordained a priest in 1969. The two became a widely admired team in service to the Church, notably in St. Nicholas Church, Southbridge, Mass., and St. Thomas Church, Farmington Hills, Mich. In 2000, Sarah fell asleep in the Lord.

The Holy Synod recognized the pastoral and administrative gifts of Fr. Nicholas and consecrated him Bishop of Baltimore in 2002. In 2003, he was elected Bishop of Boston and the Albanian Archdiocese. At that same time, he served as administrator of the Diocese of New England. In 2005, he was installed as Bishop of Boston, New England, and the Albanian Archdiocese.

Since that time, he led both dioceses with energy and great care; he also faithfully served as locum tenens of

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the Diocese of the South after the repose of Archbishop Dmitri until the election of a new bishop, 2011–2015. All three dioceses expressed deep love and respect for their archpastor. A fuller obituary for His Eminence has been published at the Orthodox Church in America's website, <oca.org>.

A Trisagion Service for the Repose of Archbishop Nikon was held at St. George Albanian Orthodox Cathedral, Boston, on Wednesday, Sept. 4. His Funeral Service was celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 5, and a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Friday, Sept. 6, both at Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral, Boston. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the services. Concelebrating with him were The Most Reverend Nathaniel, Archbishop of the Romanian Episco-

pate; the Most Reverend Benjamin, Archbishop of the West; the Most Reverend Michael, Archbishop of New York and New Jersey; the Most Reverend Alexander, Archbishop of the South; the Right Reverend Paul, Bishop of the Midwest; and the Right Reverend John, Auxiliary Bishop of Worcester and New England (Antiochian Archdiocese).

Dozens of priests and deacons participated, led by Archpriests Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the OCA, John Kreta (Chancellor of the Diocese of New England), and Joseph Gallick (Secretary of the Albanian Archdiocese). The Chancellor of the Albanian Archdiocese, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, as brother of the departed Archbishop, stood with his family in a place of honor.

Right: A view from the choir loft of the funeral service for Archbishop Nikon.



Right: Holy Trinity Cathedral is packed at the **Funeral Service of Archbishop Nikon.**



At the beginning of the Funeral Service on Thursday, Fr. Robert Arida spoke of the integrity, courage and humility that characterized Archbishop Nikon. Both he and Archbishop Michael, who spoke at the conclusion, emphasized the central importance in Archbishop Nikon's life of Honey, the nickname for his beloved wife and partner in ministry Sarah.

Archbishop Michael spoke of how our departed archpastor was always a priests' priest, that he had a heart for the faithful and clergy of his dioceses and for his fellow bishops. He acknowledged that Archbishop Nikon was a great mentor to him personally. "We all have a hole in our hearts right now," he said. But he was characterized by faith even to end, when he recognized cancer would prevent him from returning to active ministry. Archbishop Michael concluded, "It seems like death won the victory. But we see an icon here in cathedral show-

ing how the world tried to defeat Love. It nailed Him to the cross and shut Him in a tomb. But love is stronger than death."

Metropolitan Tikhon spoke last Thursday evening. He emphasized Archbishop Nikon's great ability as a pastor, to listen and to the lead. "He could convince by arguing with being argumentative and disagreeing without being disagreeable," His Beatitude said.

At the Liturgy on Friday, still more arrived to participate, including priests from as far as Kentucky. Metropolitan Tikhon preached the homily. He opened by quoting our Lord: "I am the bread of life. If anyone eats of this bread he will not die but have eternal life." "Archbishop Nikon lived out faith in this word," he said. "He had zeal to share this bread of life." Echoing Archbishop Michael the previous evening, His Beatitude affirmed that Archbishop Nikon was a priest at his

Right: A host of clergy stand arrayed before the reposed body of Archbishop Nikon, at the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy Friday morning.



core, “to the synod, to the Albanian Archdiocese, the Diocese of New England and also to the South, to parishes he served.”

Metropolitan Tikhon observed that the Lord took our Archbishop from us at the beginning of the Church New Year when we ask the Lord to bless the crown of the year. The Lord is telling us to pay attention to the new beginning offered to us. In this Liturgy, bread is offered as a small gift so we may receive in turn the life of Christ.

“Archbishop Nikon reminded us of this constantly as a practical theologian as Fr Robert [Arida] affirmed last evening,” the Metropolitan said. He called to mind the Apostle James: “‘Be doers of the word and not just hearers.’ We can hear these words from Archbishop Nikon.”

His Beatitude noted the faithful prayerfulness of Archbishop Nikon’s life, especially in illness. Outwardly, he was a simple and forthright man, but that flowed from an inner dignity. Metropolitan Tikhon concluded by extending condolences to the family and the faithful, confident that the

Lord in whom he trusted will receive him into paradise. “Archbishop Nikon,” he said, “May your memory be eternal!”

During clergy communion, Fr. Alexander Rentel read condolences from dignitaries who could not attend the services. He began with a letter from Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, who had had a close relationship with Archbishop Nikon. The Liturgy concluded with prayers for newly departed and the singing of “Memory Eternal” in Albanian as well as English.

Bishop John of Worcester spoke a greeting and heartfelt condolences from Metropolitan Joseph and the whole Antiochian Archdiocese. “Archbishop Nikon was no stranger to the sorrows of this life, losing his beloved wife,” Bishop John said. “But the Lord transformed his loss into new ministry, caring for not one but two flocks.” He experienced new suffering with cancer. But now we have confidence he is worshipping the Lord with angels, in the faith of the empty tomb.

His Grace remembered how he and the Archbishop “took some long road trips together. He was kind listener, and he was there for me when my family and I needed him.”

At the close of the service, the clergy escorted the body of Archbishop Nikon out of the church, led by those who had been ordained by his own hand. He was brought to Michigan to be interred next to his beloved wife Sarah. May the memory of His Eminence, our Archbishop Nikon, be eternal!

Above: His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon stands at the altar of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Terryville, a year ago.



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Below: Metropolitan Tikhon prays over John Malcomson, who would be ordained to the Holy Diaconate later in the Liturgy.



St. Nicholas Church, Salem, Mass.

M. Manna Whitfield

On September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, St Nicholas, S welcomed Metropolitan Tikhon, Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak, and Reader Bartholomew (Barry) Migyanko to celebrate the ordination of John Malcolmson to the holy diaconate. Subdeacon Michael Arida,

from Holy Trinity Cathedral in Boston, joined us as well. The occasion was filled with joy, tinged with sadness, as Metropolitan Tikhon had originally been asked by our beloved Archbishop Nikon to preside, in case he was not able to be there.

Metropolitan Tikhon summed up the week so wonderfully in his ser-

Above: Robert Popadic greets Metropolitan Tikhon with bread and salt. Robert would be honored at the end of the Liturgy for his service.



mon, noting that the first great feast of the ecclesiastical year is a triumph of life and hope over barrenness and death. The ordination was once again fruit from many seeds planted and nurtured by Archbishop Nikon in the vineyards of the Diocese of New England. As our locum tenens, and new Archpastor, Metropolitan Tikhon spent much time with the faithful of St Nicholas.

At the Divine Liturgy, we also honored Bob Popadic. Bob has served on the St Nicholas parish council for

over 50 years, almost always as treasurer or starosta. With love for his faithful service, Bob received a diocesan grammota, a plaque commemorating his prayerful stewardship, and an icon of St Nicholas painted by our parish iconographer Anna Gouriev. Many years, Bob!

We welcome Deacon John Malcolmson and Matushka Elizabeth, and their sons Gillis and Duncan, as the newest clergy family in the Diocese of New England.

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Below: Fr. Theophan Whitfield displays an orarion to the parish children, to explain how a deacon is ordained.



St. Jacob of Alaska Celebrates 25 Years

Above: Metropolitan Tikhon presides at the Divine Liturgy celebrating the 25th Anniversary of St. Jacob of Alaska Mission.



Below: Children bear decorations for the celebration.

M. Reba Korban

On July 27th, 2019, St. Jacob of Alaska Mission in Northfield Falls, Vermont, celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Although we were sad that our dear Archbishop Nikon could not be present with us, we were filled with gratitude that His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, was willing to come and celebrate in his place. Among those attending the celebration were Fr. Mark & M. Anne Sherman, founders of the Mission; Fr. Peter Carmichael, Dean of the Northern Deanery of the Diocese of New England; and M. Karen from Holy Trinity in Springfield, Vermont; & Fr. Mircea

Geana and Fr. Andrew Tregubov from Holy Resurrection Parish in Claremont, New Hampshire; Dcn. Ambrose & M. Margaret Powell also from Claremont and Ptdn. Alexis Bona & Dcn. Zachary from Holy



Above: Participants in the 25th Anniversary enjoying the brunch following the Divine Liturgy.



Resurrection in Berlin, New Hampshire.

The celebration was planned to coincide with the Feast of St. Jacob beginning with Great Vespers on Friday evening, followed by a Hierarchical Liturgy on Saturday morning. During the Divine Liturgy, our faithful alter server, Matthias Tchantouridze was blessed to wear the orarion and elevated to sub-deacon.

The weather cooperated with two calm and sunny summer days allowing the celebration to continue outside under a large tent where a delicious catered brunch was served following the Divine Liturgy. Entertainment was provided by a group of talented musicians from St. Jacob's who played a lively ensemble of jazz pieces on two guitars, a saxophone and trombone.

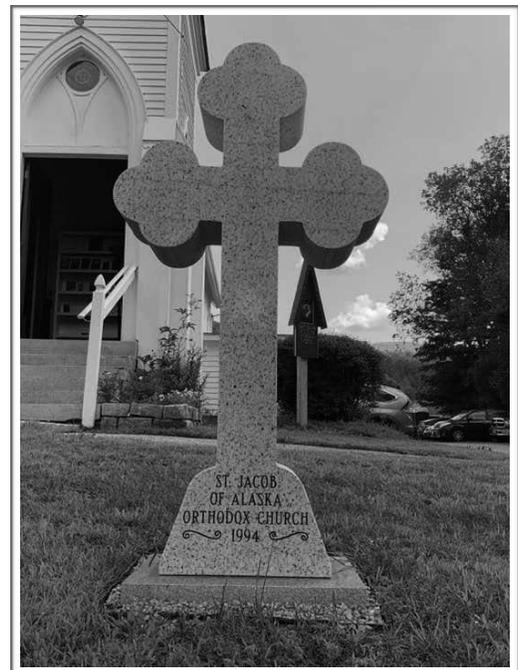
It was a joyous occasion for all, especially for Susanna Toolan & Anita Blakely, who have been with St. Jacob's since its founding.

Fr. Mark Korban, pastor of St. Jacob's, and M. Reba would like to thank Metropolitan Tikhon, all our friends and clergy who came to cele-

brate this special occasion with us, and everyone who contributed and worked so hard to make it such a special and memorable occasion. We praise God for His abundant goodness! May He grant St. Jacob of Alaska Mission many more years of service in His vineyard in Central Vermont!

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Below: A cross inscribed "St. Jacob of Alaska Orthodox Church, 1994" stands outside the temple.



His Beatitude Visits Northern Deanery



Above: Metropolitan Tikhon stands with the clergy and faithful of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Springfield, Vt.

Below: Metropolitan Tikhon addresses Fr. Andrew Tregubov at the church of the Holy Resurrection, Claremont, N.H. His Beatitude awarded the mitre to Archpriest Andrew Tregubov for his many years of service.

At the request of His Eminence Archbishop Nikon, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon on July 26–28 visited parishes of the Northern Deanery. On Friday and Saturday, he presided at the 25th Anniversary celebrations at St. Jacob of Alaska Mission [See pages 7-8]. On Saturday evening, His Beatitude presided at Great Vespers at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Springfield, Vt.

On Sunday Metropolitan Tikhon served the Divine Liturgy at the church of the Holy Resurrection, Claremont, N.H. His Beatitude awarded the mitre to Archpriest Andrew Tregubov for his years of service. Excerpts of his address follow:

“Fr. Andrew, ... today it is my joy, on behalf of His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon, to formally bestow the mitre upon you at this Divine Liturgy,



here at Holy Resurrection Church, the altar and the community that you have served faithfully for 40 years. The presentation of the mitre is the crowning of your ministry as an Orthodox priest, but it is even more glowing of a tribute in that this is taking place here, in the bosom of the community that you have guided, nurtured, and pastored for your entire priestly ministry.... You are known to all as a man of faith and conviction, a priest who bears his cross with joy and brings courage to others who also struggle.... Together

with your wife, Matushka Galina, you have taken the talent that was nurtured in your heart, and brought it to visible fruition in your work as an iconographer and Matushka's labors as an embroiderer have had an influence on others and has led many to pursue Christ in holy orders or in the liturgical arts.... May this mitre be an image of both the life of martyrdom that is the priesthood, but of the victory that is found in the faithful and dedicated priestly ministry that you have exercised for these many years. Axios!" **ONE** +

Pastoral Transition in Southbury

Right: Retiring pastor Fr. Vladimir Aleandro passes on a shepherd staff to Fr. Moses Locke, the new pastor of Christ the Savior, as part of a rite of pastoral transition.
Photo: John Barone



Nicholas Yuschak, jr.

On Sunday, July 7, Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, Conn., held an Akathist Service of Thanksgiving, which included the handing over of the shepherd staff, metrics book, and parish seal from our retiring pastor, Fr. Vladimir Aleandro, to our new pastor, Fr. Moses Locke.

Following the service our celebration continued with a family picnic honoring Fr. Vladimir, Matushka Suzanne, and their family and welcoming Fr. Moses, Matushka Christy and their children. It was a glorious

afternoon with great food, fellowship, and games for our parish family, visiting clergy and guests!

This summer was a season of wonderful milestones for Fr. Vladimir. On the feast of All Saints of North America, June 30, Fr. Vladimir retired as an active pastor. On the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, just two days before retirement, he marked 24 years of ordination to the priesthood. On Aug. 17, Fr. Vladimir and his wife Suzanne celebrated 45 years of marriage. Later this year, he will celebrate his 75th birthday!

Fr. Vladimir has been a part of Christ the Savior Church from its very inception. On June 16, 1991 with the blessings of Bishop JOB of the Diocese of New England, our first Liturgy as a mission parish was celebrated by Fr. Michael Koblosh in the Aleandro home and continued at that location for several weeks.

Our mission community continued to grow under the pastoral leadership of several priests at various locations. On Feb. 1, 1992, Vladimir Aleandro was ordained to the Diaconate at the mission. Deacon Vladimir was then ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1995, and served his first Liturgy as Rector on Sunday, June 30, 1995. On June 4, 2005, Christ the Savior Church was consecrated. Fourteen years later we are about to face new changes and challenges.

Fr. Vladimir's own words best express this time of transition for all of us: "I can retell our story of the past 27 years, not to live in the past but help us remember God's faithfulness and the many 'miracles' during the times when we as a community experienced transition. There is one pastoral relationship that will

not change. There is only *one* Pastor and Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ. For all these years it has been a most awesome calling to shepherd His flock in Southbury. Now, like St. Paul handing over the Shepherd's staff to young Timothy 'my son,' I hand over the staff to young Fr. Moses. With open arms, and hope in my heart, I embrace him and his family. It is time to be part of the flock and have a pastor."

Our new pastor, Fr. Moses is a recent graduate of St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, Penn. Fr. Moses and his wife, Christy have three energetic boys: Elias, Seraphim, and Symeon, and they are expecting a little girl in November. Before Seminary they were living in Alton, N.H., where Fr. Moses worked marine construction on beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee. There they attended Holy Annunciation in Dover. Prior to this they lived in Vermont and were members at Holy Resurrection in Claremont, N.H., where Fr. Andrew Tregubov has been Rector. Fr. Andrew is the iconographer who has adorned the walls of Christ the Savior with such beautiful icons.

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Right: Families of both pastors stand together.

Photo: Fr. Christopher Rocknage



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Nov 15

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Nov. 10

St. Nectarios Celebration at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, Conn. All are invited to join His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and neighboring clergy on Sunday November 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM for the Vespers of St. Nektarios. Please note this is the Sunday after his Feast Day. There will be a procession with his relics, prayers for the sick and anointing with the oil from St. Nectarios' tomb. A light buffet will follow. For details: 203-267-1330 or <www.christsaviorchurch.org>.

Oct 25-26

Diocesan Assembly in Clinton, Conn.