

St Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America:

St Tikhon, was born as Vasily Ivanovich Belavin on January 19, 1865 into the family of Ioann Belavin, a rural priest of the Toropetz district of the Pskov diocese.

From 1878 to 1883, Bellavin studied at the Pskov Theological Seminary. In 1888, at the age of 23, he graduated from the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy as a layman. He then returned to the Pskov Seminary and became an instructor of Moral and Dogmatic Theology. In 1891, at the age of 26, he took monastic vows and was given the name Tikhon in honor of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk. Tikhon was consecrated Bishop of Lublin on 19 October 1897. On 14 September 1898, Bishop Tikhon was made Bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska. As head of the Russian Orthodox Church in America he reorganized the diocese and changed its name from "Diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska" to "Diocese of the Aleutians and North America" in 1900. While living in the United States Archbishop Tikhon was made a citizen of the United States.

In June 1905, St. Tikhon gave his blessing for the establishment of St. Tikhon's Monastery in Pennsylvania. On 22 May 1901, he blessed the cornerstone for St. Nicholas Cathedral in New York, and was also involved in establishing other churches in North America. On 9 November 1902, he consecrated the church of St. Nicholas in Brooklyn for the Syrian Antiochian Orthodox immigrants.

In 1907, he returned to Russia, and was appointed Bishop of Yaroslavl. He was transferred to Vilnius, Lithuania, on 22 December 1913. On 21 June 1917, he was elected the ruling bishop of Moscow by the Diocesan Congress of clergy and laity. On 15 August 1917, Archbishop Tikhon was raised to the dignity of Metropolitan of Moscow. On 5 November of the same year, Metropolitan Tikhon had been selected, after a drawing of lots, as the new Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church.

During the Russian Civil War the Patriarch was widely seen as anti-Bolshevik and many members of the Orthodox clergy were jailed or executed by the new regime. Tikhon openly condemned the killings of the tsar's family in 1918, and protested against violent attacks by the Bolsheviks on the Church. During the famine in 1922 the Patriarch was accused of being a saboteur by the Communist government, for which he was imprisoned from April 1922 until June 1923 in Donskoy Monastery. Among acts incriminated to him was his public protest against nationalization of the property of the Church. This caused international resonance and was a subject of several notes to the Soviet government.

In 1924 the Patriarch fell ill and was hospitalized. On 5 April 1925, he served his last Divine Liturgy, and died two days later, 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation. He was buried on 12 April in the winter church of Donskoy Monastery in Moscow. From the time of his death, he was widely considered a martyr or confessor for the faith.

Patriarch Tikhon was glorified (canonized) a saint by the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia in conjunction with the great glorification of the New Martyrs and Confessors of the Soviet Yoke on 1 November 1981. He was later glorified by the Moscow Patriarchate during the Bishop's Council of 9–11 October 1989. This later canonization process is generally considered an example of the thaw in Church-Soviet relations during the Glasnost era.

St Tikhon's relics were believed lost, but on 19 February 1992 (or, according to another source, 22 February), they were discovered in a concealed place in the Donskoy Monastery and were found to be almost entirely incorrupt. The relics were placed in a reliquary and on 5 April 1992, fifty bishops solemnly transferred them to the Katholikon (main church) of the Donskoy Monastery in a place of honor by the soleas (close to the sanctuary).

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St. Tikhon, the Apostle to America

Christ is in our midst!

He is and always will be!

*A gentle manner adorned You
You showed kindness and compassion to those who repented
You were firm and unbending in confessing the Orthodox Faith
And zealous in loving the Lord
O Holy Hierarchy of Christ and Confessor Tikhon
Pray for us that we may not be separated from the love of God
Which is of Christ Jesus, our King and Lord.*

Kontakion - St. Tikhon

On this day the Church remembers:

Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America (1989) • Holy Apostle James (Jacob), Son of Alphaeus (1st c.) • Ven. Andronicus, and his wife Athanasia, of Egypt (5th c.) • Righteous forefather Abraham, and his nephew, Lot (ca. 2000 B.C.) • Martyrs Juventius and Maximus at Antioch (363) • St. Publia the Confessor, Deaconess, of Antioch (4th c.) • Ven. Peter of Galatia (9^{th/sup>} c.) • Hieromartyr Dionysius (Denis, Denys) of Paris, Bishop (ca. 258). The "CHERSON" and "ASSUAGE MY SORROW" Icons of the

Most-holy Theotokos.

October 9, 2011

Tone 8 of the Octoechos.

17th Sunday after Pentecost
3rd Sunday of Luke

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For health of:**

Sub deacon **Edward** Dawson on his birthday, offered by Holly Dawson.

Mrs. Chwalek, who has been given just a few days to live, offered by Nina and Charles.

Readings:

- Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. Tikhon)
- John 10:9-16 (St. Tikhon)
- **2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**
- **Luke 7:11-16**

BRETHREN, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain.

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Summer Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

(General Confession on the first Sunday of each month)

Church School - 9:30 AM

(no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

Coffee hour after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **Pannikhida Services** - The Church Council asks that all Pannikhida Services be restricted to the 3rd Sunday of each month. The Pannikhida, if requested, will be celebrated right after the Liturgy and before Coffee Hour. From ancient times it has been an established custom to remember the dead on the 3rd, 9th, and 40th day after their repose. The parish will still respect this tradition, but for the anniversary of death, or for the name day of our deceased loved ones, etc., we would like to have this service monthly on the same Sunday. (Arrangements can be made through Fr. Boris)
- **Church School will not meet on the first Sunday of each month** so that the students will be on time for General Confession.

Upcoming Sisterhood Events:

- **The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will be meeting today** after coffee hour.

Special Announcements:

- **The Church School** is in need of a preschool teacher to work with our youngest students. The requirements are: the ability to arrive at Church by 9:30 for three out of four weeks a month (no Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month), patience with young children, and basic knowledge of our faith. **No home preparation will be necessary**, as all lesson plans will be prepared for you in advance. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky if interested.