

Parish Prayer List (Living)

Alexandra	Rachael	Jessilyn	Reader Mark
Andrea	Amanda	Sherry	Thecla
Fr. Michael	Barry	Sean	Susan Mary
James	Nicholas B.	Karin	Don Tesch
Lawrence	Emil	Seraphim	Evdokia
Michael	Helen	Susan K	Bob Wedder
Anna	Brian	Carolyn	Kansas & SJ
Ashley & Ben	Kathy Tanner	Anthony	Pauline
Olga	Marina	Salvatore	Josephine
Nicholas (Nadja's brother)	Nina	Alma	Jason
Tatiana	Clint	Nadja	Travis
Karen	Genevieve	Connie	Sharon

Parish Prayer List (Fallen Asleep)

Metropolitan Nicholas (+3/13)

Michael Urban (+6/21)

Robert Beall (+6/24)

Ruby Kesselak (+7/1)

Coffee Hour:

6/3 - Lau	6/10 - Blomeley	6/17 - Shenberger
6/24 - open	7/1 - open	7/8 - open
7/15 - open	7/22 - open	7/29 - open

Tony Visconti has been moved to Life Care Nursing Home on Industrial Park Road in Copper Hill, Tennessee. He is in Room 288. He can be reached at 828-361-3316.

Joretta Lynn-Courson was released from Copper Basin Medical Center on Friday, June 1. Please continue to pray for her as she recovers.

A note from **George and Magdalini Simianikis** from Friday evening: "Father James and Presvytera good evening, we thank the Lord for finding the Church and meeting you.

St.Nicolas community is so warm and loving it felt like we knew you for long time, we did not feel like newcomers. We hope to come back in July. Greetings, and God's blessing to everyone."

Thoughts from the Fathers

We must live on the earth like a wheel that is rolling – only one part touches the earth, while the rest is always moving upwards.

St. Ambrose of Optina +1891

Prayer without love is like a bird that seems good and beautiful but, as it has no wings, can't fly.

Elder Amphilochios of Patmos, 1889-1970

The Spirit does not take up His abode in someone's life through a physical approach; how could a corporeal being approach the Bodiless One? Instead, the Spirit comes to us when we withdraw ourselves from evil passions which, have crept into the soul through its friendship with the flesh, alienating us from a close relationship with God. Only when a man has been cleansed from the shame of his evil, and has returned to his natural beauty, and the original form of the Royal Image has been restored in him, is it possible for him to approach the Paraclete. Then, like the sun, He will show you in Himself the image of the invisible, and with purified eyes you will see in this blessed image the unspeakable beauty of its prototype.

Saint Basil the Great, On the Holy Spirit

The feast of Pentecost is the last feast of the divine Economy, as we have already indicated. In order for the human race to be saved and for it to return to its previous state, but also to rise to a higher point, which Adam should have reached, but failed. God sent His only begotten and beloved Son. Christ manifested His Father, revealed His existence, and then sent the Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the Father and is sent by Him, the Son. And the Holy Spirit makes men members of the Body of Christ and illuminates them so that they recognize Christ and the Father.

Metropolitan of Nafpaktos, Hierotheos, "Pentecost," The Feasts of the Lord

Acquire the grace of the Holy Spirit also by practicing all the other virtues for Christ's sake. Trade spiritually with them; trade with those which give you the greatest profit. Accumulate capital from the superabundance of God's grace, deposit it in God's eternal bank which will bring you immaterial interest,

not four or six percent, but one hundred percent for one spiritual ruble, and even infinitely more than that. For example, if prayer and watching gives you more of God's grace, watch and pray; if fasting gives you much of the Spirit of God, fast; if almsgiving gives you more, give alms. Weigh every virtue done for Christ's sake in this manner.

Saint Seraphim of Sarov

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Information About our proposed Bishop:

VERY REV. FR. GRIGORIOS TATSIS

Born in Charlotte, NC with the baptismal name George.

Attended University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill earning a BA degree in Biology.

Attended University of North Carolina at Charlotte earning a MS degree in Biology.

Involved in Cardiovascular Research at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC for over 20 years (authoring/co-authoring over 100 articles, abstracts, and book chapters).

Member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Charlotte, NC since his youth, serving in various capacities including Sunday School teacher 13 years, Parish Council member (Secretary 1 year, Vice President 2 years, President 3 years), Yiasou Greek Festival chairman 1 year.

Member of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, NC since its inception, serving in various capacities including Parish Organizing Committee member, Parish Council member (President 2 years), Sunday School teacher 4 years, Choir member.

Attended Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA earning a M Div degree.

Ordained a Deacon at St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, NC on November 4, 2006.

Tonsured a Monk at Agia Lavra Monastery in Kalavryta, Greece on January 17, 2007 receiving the name Grigorios (patron saint Gregory Palamas – November 14).

Ordained a Priest at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Atlanta, GA on January 28, 2007.

Elevated to rank of Archimandrite on the same day.

Serving as the Ierokyrix (Itinerant Preacher) of the Metropolis of Atlanta since February 1, 2007.

Received the Offikion of Confessor at the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Chapel in Atlanta, GA on September 14, 2007.

Served as the Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Raleigh, NC from December 20, 2010 until May 31, 2011.

Serving as the Dean of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New Orleans, LA since October 1, 2011.

Appointed Vicar of the Western Conference of the Metropolis of Atlanta on October 1, 2011.

As noted last Friday, a special session of all of the priests of the Diocese has been called for July 14, 2012, in Johnstown. A vote will be taken at that time. If a majority of the priests in attendance vote for Fr. Grigorios, his name will be submitted to the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for election. I think his approval would be reasonably certain. If the majority of priests vote against the nominee, the priests would reconvene one month later for another vote.

I have not talked to very many priests about the nominee, but the general reaction seems to be favorable.

I'll let you know more as time goes on.