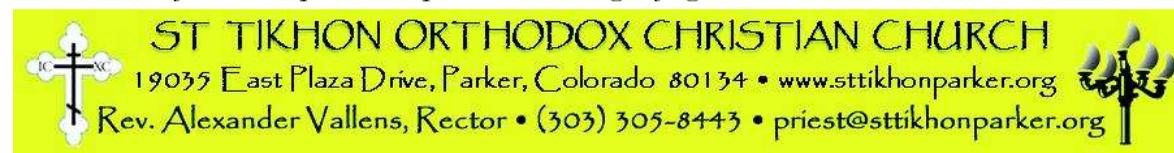


**October Notes:** on the first of the month, **Rick Sandbothe** has his birthday, and **Virginia Farley** has her name day (Protection of the Theotokos) ... on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM, there is **Orthodoxy 101** ... on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> there will be **Great Vespers** at 5:30 PM ... **Peter Zhang's** birthday is on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> ... Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> is the commemoration of the glorification of our patron saint, **Patriarch Tikhon of Moscow**, as well as **Orthodoxy 101** at 6:30 PM ... on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> there will be **Great Vespers & Confession** at 5:30 PM ... **Greg & Mary Teter** have their wedding anniversary on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> ... **Parish Council** also meets that day ... on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> there will be **Great Vespers** at 5:30 PM ... on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM, there is **Orthodoxy 101** ... Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> is **Luke Harrison's** name day ... Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> is **Emily Harrison's** birthday ... and on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> there will be **choir practice** at 4:00 PM, followed by **Great Vespers & Confession** at 5:30 ... on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, there is **Orthodoxy 101!**

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*O Lord and Savior, preserve the Orthodox Church throughout this entire world in unity and right-belief, granting her peace, tranquility, love, and harmony. Look down upon the Holy Orthodox Church with compassion and mercy, and preserve her from division and schism, from enmity and disorder, grant that her unity be not diminished nor shaken, but that Thy Thrice-holy name be ever-glorified within her. With Thy mercies make glad the hearts of them that govern us, and strengthen them by Thy might. Rise up to our help and set to naught the evil counsels purposed against us by the evil ones. For Thou art the Help and Victory and Salvation of them that put their hope in Thee unto ages of ages. Amen.*



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## The Oil of Gladness

[ NOTE: The parish recently received a gift of holy oils from the Pochaev Lavra, a very large, famous monastery in western Ukraine. Below is a short explanation. ]

This immense monastery is now well-known for having two full-body relics of incorrupt saints, the miracle working “Pochaev Icon,” and the Footprint of the Mother of God and Holy Spring.

Regarding the Footprint, early on in the history of Pochaev (sometime before the year 1240), the Mother of God appeared on top of Mt. Pochaev (the large hill on which the monastery currently rests) to some monks and a shepherd, surrounded in flame. In one spot she very deliberately put her foot into the soil, leaving an impression which has lasted for centuries. Almost immediately, holy water with healing properties began emanating from the footprint. Subsequent icons depicting “Our Lady of Pochaev” (or, generally, the Pochaev Icon of the Mother of God) are now characterized by this distinctive footprint near the bottom of the icon: [http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-5cZr-zP4PG4/Tjq\\_mH5cFbI/AAAAAAAAABUA/4OWnZLM8KDE/s1600/Pochaev%2BIcon.jpg](http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-5cZr-zP4PG4/Tjq_mH5cFbI/AAAAAAAAABUA/4OWnZLM8KDE/s1600/Pochaev%2BIcon.jpg)

At Pochaev today, one can venerate the spot where the original footprint is (well, kiss the glass that protects the actual footprint), which is below the surface of the floor. One makes a prostration, and then extends his/her neck/back down to venerate this spot. Photography is not allowed in the churches, so to have a good look at the

shrine (and distorted view of the icon), explore this link from the Lavra's website: [www.pochaev.org.ua/?pid=1388&lang=eng](http://www.pochaev.org.ua/?pid=1388&lang=eng).



The monk with a short white beard and holding an abbot's staff is St. Job (of Pochaev), who was the first abbot of the monastery when it became a cenobitic brotherhood. He was an austere ascetic who lived in semi-reclusion in an underground cave, a defender of Orthodoxy against the Latins, and a renowned miracle-worker.

The glass reliquary has a hatch that lifts, allowing the pilgrim to venerate the saints' hand directly. Although darker colored, the skin was as supple and fleshy as mine is today! A short life is found here: [orthodoxwiki.org/Job\\_of\\_Pochaev](http://orthodoxwiki.org/Job_of_Pochaev).

Last, the monk with the large beard is the 20th-century wonder-worker, St. Amphilochius, who resisted the Soviet regime, cast out demons, and healed hundreds (thousands?) of people. Here's a brief description of his life: [https://orthodoxwiki.org/Amphilochius\\_of\\_Pochaev](https://orthodoxwiki.org/Amphilochius_of_Pochaev)



~ Stavrophor-Monk Philaret (Farley)

## Charity of the Month



A fire engulfed the interior of Holy Myrrhbearing Women Church in West Sacramento, California on Thursday, July 12. While the blaze was quickly extinguished, the church suffered significant damage, not only to its interior—the iconostasis and altar area were especially hard hit—but also to its bell tower. No one was in the church at the time. In what long-time parishioner Constantine Baranoff called “a miracle,” three large icons—the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God, Saint Nicholas, and Saint John of San Francisco—were barely touched by the fire. At the heart of the West Sacramento community for over 100 years, Holy Myrrhbearing Women Church traces its roots to the early 20th Century arrival of Russian and other Slavic immigrants lured to the region by work for the railroad, food processing plants, and agriculture.

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

(unaudited)

	August Actual	August Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Income	4,357.26	4,545.00	45,371.94	35,460.00
Total Expense	3,458.44	4,405.35	36,113.34	34,353.16
Cash Flow	898.82	139.65	9,258.60	1,106.84
Building Fund (Net of Rent Reserves)			22,797.51	