## NEWS RELEASE OPERATION: PEARL RIVER

July 28, 2019 Pear River, NY

**OPERATION: PEARL RIVER Is An Overwhelming Success!** 

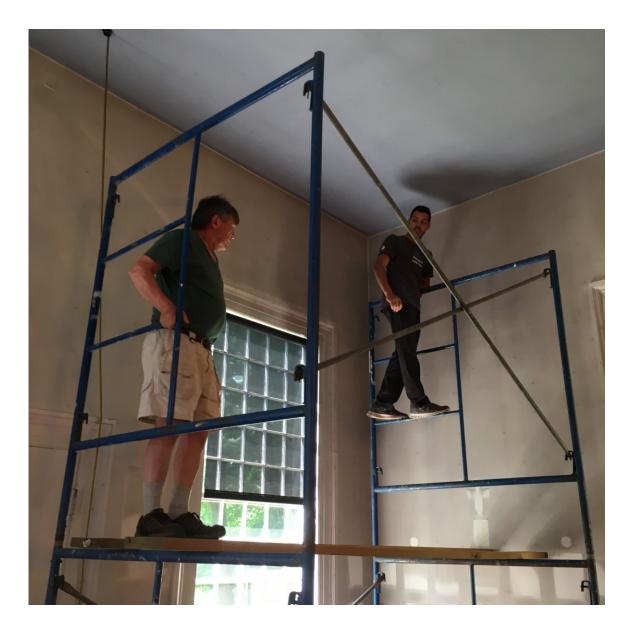
Volunteers from throughout the Diocese descended upon the little church in Pearl River, NY July 22-26 transforming it's shabby ceiling and walls, covered with years of candle and incense soot, into a bright and welcoming place of worship once again.

Archbishop Michael, himself, was the first volunteer to show up, serve the Molieben for The Beginning of Any Good Work, and roll up his cassock sleeves to scrub down the walls in preparation for painting. His Eminence was, joined by several volunteers, both clergy and lay, from throughout the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. The cleaning and painting was completed in five days. Now, only the task of re-hanging the many icons and lampadas remains. The outpouring of support, both personnel and financial, from throughout the diocese, and friends of the parish, is greatly appreciated by Archimandrite Joseph (Hoffman), the parish rector, and all the faithful parishioners of Holy Transfiguration Church.

OPERATION: PEARL RIVER is another shining example of the love and care that exists within the diocesan family, and coming together in time of need, under our spiritual father and Archpastor, Archbishop Michael.

## BEFORE





## AFTER

