Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith

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Holy Assumption Orthodox Church is a parish of the Orthodox Church in America, Diocese of the Midwest



Liturgical Schedule

MONDAY - AUGUST 14 Forefeast of Dormition

VESPERS, 6:00 PM

TUESDAY – AUGUST 15 DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY **THEOTOKOS**

9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM **DIVINE LITURGY** with Procession and Blessing of Flowers followed by lunch at Galley

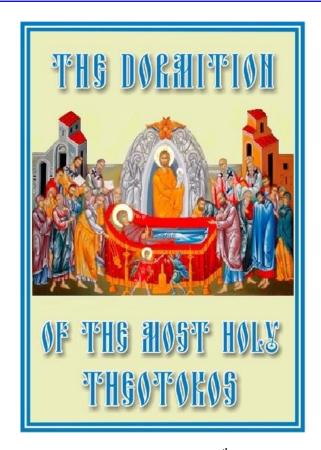
SATURDAY - AUGUST 19 Martyr Andrew Stratelates and companions

VESPERS, 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - AUGUST 20 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **Prophet Samuel**

9:40 AM HOURS, 10:00 AM **DIVINE LITURGY** Followed by 66th Annual Halupki Festival

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Feast Day – August 15th

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren: I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus, I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore, I urge you, imitate me.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So, I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So, Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, you are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



Basil Glovinsky, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; Subdeacon Roger Pinta, P.O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804; Ed & Irene Vangeloff, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870

AUGUST CANDLE SPONSORS



Altar Candles: In memory of LaVerne Schutt & Violet Bargdill (\$50); Chandelier: In memory of Dorothy Czuha (August 23) (\$50); Eternal Light & Icon Screen: In memory of Howard Bailey, Damian Bailey, Sophia Grgich (\$25); Candles at the Cross: Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Matt and birthday memory of my dad Steven (\$15); Candles at St.

Tikhon's Icon: For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (\$15)



AUGUST REPOSED

7- Dorothy Romig (2017); **12**- Jim Mazur (2021); **13**- Andrew Millie (1958); **21**- Sophia Monak (2004); **23**- Martha Brooks (2010); **24**- Damien (cousin of Valerie S (2019); **28**- Rev. Dr. William Walter Worstall (2011); **31**- Larry Noon (2014)

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Don Kiser / Ruth / Basil Glovinsky / Jeanne Smith / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Chris Hannon / Subdeacon Roger Pinta / Tony Monastra / Tina / Ed Vangeloff / Irene Vangeloff / Diane Tryon / Sonja Rose / Ron Royhab / James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Elaine Hileman / Betty Kovach / Helen Lis / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Stephanie Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice & Chloe / Natalie & newborn Caleb / Gabrielle and her newborn Josey / Carol / Debbie & Marco / Nora. Other Requests: Maxwell Chaney / Barbara Wroblewski / Sidharth Bijilani – friend of Subdeacon Roger and Debbie Pinta / Anthony / Archpriest David Lis / Bishop Matthias / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan /Marge Dziama / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Marsha / Mark Masica / Robert Piznar / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Sandy Scafaria / Chuck Wiedenhoft / Chris / Tamman Haddad. Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



VIGILS FOR AUGUST 6

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Nick S., Barbara D., Sarah F., Pauline O., George K., Margi H., Basil G., Kathie J., Roger P., Diane T., Robin C., Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D. In birthday memory of my dad.

Safe travel for Matushka Michelle

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

David & Roddie Mazurik 3 Peace and blessings, Health to friends and family, In remembrance of friends and family

Diane Tryon 2 In loving memory of my cousin Dorothy Romig for her anniversary, In loving memory of cousin Wily for his anniversary

Natalie Twarek 8 For the health and recovery of Barbara, Health and recovery of Basil, Health and recovery of Don Kiser, Health and recovery Roger, Carol, Tony, Irene, Father David, Diane, Marilyn, Pauline, Sandy, Judy, Mimi, For the health of Mike, Tina, Ed, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie, Health of Amber, Zach, Jeanne, Dottie, Jamie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Tom, Loren, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions



ATTENDANCE

8/5 Vespers, 9 attending; 7/6 Divine Liturgy, 32 attending (6 guests)



READERS LIST

Sunday Aug 13 – Jake Sunday Aug 20 – Joe Sunday Aug 27 – Tim Sunday Sept 3 – Ron





On Tuesday, August 15th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos – our Parish' Feast Day.

The usual blessing of flowers will take place after the Divine Liturgy. Please do not forget to bring your flowers for blessing and place them in front of the iconostas.

Please Note: *After the Divine Liturgy we invite everyone to joins us for lunch at Galley Restaurant*

God Grant You Many Years!

NEW MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We wish to express our best wishes and ask Our Lord to Bless the new member of Our Parish Family - **Angela Bricker**, who will be received into the Holy Orthodox Church by the Mystery of Holy Chrismation on **Tuesday**, **August 15**th, the Feast of

the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos. May Our Lord and God grant her long life, good health, peace, and happiness for Many Happy and Blessed Years! Na Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



SS. PETER & PAUL ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

The 2023 Annual Food Festival will take place on **Friday** and **Sunday**, **August 18th – 19th** at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Lorain, OH. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.



FOCA - FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Ohio District of the FOCA is sponsoring its First Annual Family Festival Saturday August 26, 2023 at St. Nicholas in Mogadore. The event will begin with vespers at 6:00pm followed by a cookout and a drive-in movie. All are

invited and encouraged to join in the fellowship. For more information see the flyer in the vestibule.

2023 LIFE CONFERENCE

The 2023 Life Conference will take place on September 30, 2023 at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Hall. For more information please see the flyer in this bulletin and the schedule and speakers bios on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.



GIANT COOKIES BAKING - THANK YOU!

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Greg Mazur for baking the Giant Cookies and for the festival this past week, and to Kathy Ruggles for helping with packing the cookies. May our Lord and God reward you both for your hard work and love for our church, with His Special Blessings!



NUT ROLLS BAKING - THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to the following parishioners who came last Thursday to bake Nut Rolls for the Festival: Tina, Natalie, Fred, Kathy, Roddie, David, Mat. Michelle and Fr. Peter. May our Lord and God reward you all for your hard work and love for our

church with His Special Blessings!



ONION PROCESSING - THANK YOU!

Our thanks are extended to the following parishioners who came on Friday to peel and slice onions for the festival: Tina, Natalie, Kathy, Greg, Roddie, David, Laura, and Fr. Peter. May our Lord and God reward you all for your hard work and love for our church

with His Special Blessings!



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place on **Saturday**, **September 9th** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Tithe	\$	820.00
Candles	\$	45.00
Vigils	\$	80.00
Donations	\$	348.00
Holy Day Donation	\$	250.00
St. Herman's House	\$	100.00
Total:	\$1	,643.00

May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

St. Herman's Seminary is the charity we donate to for the month of August.



CLEANING SCHEDULE

Aug 14, Laura Aug 21, Stephanie Aug 28, Laura Sept 4, Sandy



66th ANNUAL HALUPKI FESTIVAL

Our Halupki Festival will take place next Sunday, August 20, 2023. Once again, the main raffle during our Festival will be cash raffle with the five

vining prizes of cash in the amount of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$100. We kindly asked each family to help us sell twenty tickets. If anyone needs more tickets, please see Natalie. Thank you for your help!

Important: We kindly ask all of you to return Festival raffle tickets and money to Natalie at your earliest convenience. The deadline is today, **Sunday**, **August 13**th!



HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH - 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our 125th Anniversary Celebration which will take place on **Saturday**, **September 23rd** with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy to be celebrated at 10:00 am by **His Eminence**, **The Most Reverend Daniel**,

Archbishop of Chicago, and the Midwest.

Please Note: Laura is seeking any old photographs you have of our church, groups of people at the church, or events at the church to be published in our 125th anniversary commemorative booklet. She promises to scan them and return them to you right away so your precious photographs are not lost or misplaced. Thank you!



NEW BLESSING CROSS DONATED TO OUR CHURCH

In connection with our 125th Anniversary celebration, Fr. Peter, and Mat. Michelle donated a new Blessing Cross to adorn our Holy Table. The cross will be blessed today after the Divine Liturgy.

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Aug. 13th Festival raffle tickets and money due to Natalie

Aug. 13th Ticket request form and money for 125th grand banquet due to Laura

Aug. 14th Onions cooking and packaging at 8 AM

Aug. 15th Parish Feast Day - Reception of Angela Bricker into the Holy Orthodox Church and

our parish family

Aug. 16th Baklava cutting and packaging 8 AM, cleaning of the Halupki Barn

Aug. 17th Halushky preparation 8 AM

Aug. 18th Perohi preparation 8 AM

Aug. 19th Halupki rolling and yard set up 8 AM

Aug. 20th 66th Annual Halupki Festival

Sept. 9th Market Day at 8 AM

Sept. 23th 125th Anniversary Celebration

Sept. 30th Market Day at 8 AM

- Consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy

- There is nothing upon earth holier, higher, grander, more solemn, more life-giving than the Liturgy. The temple, at this particular time, becomes an earthly heaven; those who officiate represent Christ Himself, the angels, the cherubim, seraphim and apostles. — St. John of Kronstadt

- "When you have children, teach them music. But, of course, real music— angelic, not dances and songs. Music assists the development of the perception of spiritual life. The soul becomes refined. It begins to understand spiritual music as well." St. Barsanuphius of Optina
- When you stand in church, be careful not to look here and there or curiously examine how each one of the brethren stands or sings. Rather, pay attention only to yourself and to the chanting and to your sins. St. Symeon the New Theologian

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Commemorated on August 13

Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk, Bishop of Voronezh (in the world Timothy), was born in the year 1724 in the village of Korotsk in the Novgorod diocese, into the family of the cantor Sabellius Kirillov. (Afterward, a new family name, Sokolov, was given him by the head of the Novgorod Seminary). His father died when Timothy was a young child, leaving the family in such poverty that his mother was barely able to make ends meet. She wanted to give him to be raised by a neighbor, a coachman, since there was no other way to feed the family, but his



brother Peter would not permit this. Timothy often worked a whole day with the peasants for a single piece of black bread.

As a thirteen-year-old boy, he was sent to a clergy school near the Archbishop of Novgorod's residence, and earned his keep by working with the vegetable gardeners. In 1740, he was accepted under a state grant set up for the Novgorod Seminary. The youth excelled at his studies. Upon finishing seminary in 1754, he became a teacher there, first in Greek, and later in Rhetoric and Philosophy. In the year 1758, he was tonsured with the name Tikhon. That same year he was appointed as prefect of the Seminary.

In 1759, he was transferred to Tver, and was elevated to the rank of Archimandrite of Zheltikov Monastery. Later, he was appointed Rector of the Tver Seminary and, at the same time, Superior of Otroch Monastery.

His election as bishop was providential. Metropolitan Demetrios, the presiding member of the Holy Synod, had intended to transfer the young Archimandrite to the Trinity-Sergiev Lavra. On the day of Pascha, at Peterburg, Archimandrite Tikhon was one of eight candidates being considered for selection as vicar bishop for Novogorod. Metropolitan Demetrios thought he was too young for that position, but agreed to submit his name. The lot fell on Archimandrite Tikhon three times.

On the same day, during the Cherubic Hymn, Bishop Athanasios of Tver, without realizing it, commemorated him as a bishop while cutting particles from the prosphora at the Table of Oblation. On May 13, 1761 he was consecrated as Bishop of Keksgolma and Ladoga (i.e., vicar bishop of the Novgorod diocese).

In 1763, Saint Tikhon was transferred to the See of Voronezh. For the four and a half years that he administered the diocese of Voronezh, Vladyka provided constant edification, both by his life and by his numerous pastoral counsels and soul-profiting books. He also wrote a whole series of works for pastors:

Concerning the Seven Holy Mysteries A Supplement to the Priestly Office Concerning the Mystery of Repentance An Instruction Concerning Marriage

The Hierarch considered it essential that each priest, deacon and monk have a New Testament, and that he should read it daily. In an Encyclical, he called on pastors to serve the Holy Mysteries with reverence, with the fear of God, and love for one's neighbor. (An Explanation of Christian Duties was often republished in Moscow and Peterburg during the XVIII century).

At Voronezh the Saint abolished an ancient pagan custom: the celebration in honor of Yarila (a pagan god associated with the fertility of grain and cattle). In the outlying districts where military units of the Don Cossacks were dispersed, he formed a missionary commission to bring sectarians back to the Orthodox Church.

In 1765, Saint Tikhon transformed the Voronezh Slavic-Latin school into a seminary. He invited experienced instructors from Kiev and Kharkhov, and planned the curriculum. He devoted much attention and effort to building up both the churches and the school, and making pastors understand the need for education.

The Saint was unflagging in his efforts to administer his vast diocese, and he often spent nights without sleep. In 1767, poor health compelled him to give up running the diocese and withdraw for rest to the Tolshev Monastery, a distance 40 versts from Voronezh.

In 1769, Bishop Tikhon was transferred to the Monastery of the Theotokos in the city of Zadonsk. After settling into this Monastery, he became a great teacher of the Christian life. With profound wisdom he set forth the ideal of true monasticism in his Rule of Monastic Living and his Guidance to Turn from the Vanity of the World, and he fulfilled this ideal in his own life. He kept strictly to the Church's precepts. He visited the church almost every day, and he often sang and read in the choir. In time, out of humility, he altogether ceased participating and serving, but merely stood in the altar, reverently making the Sign of the Cross upon himself. He loved to read the Lives of the Saints and the works of the Holy Fathers. He knew the Psalter by heart, and he usually read or sang the Psalms on his journeys.

Vladyka endured a great deal of tribulation because he had to leave his flock. When he recovered his health, he thought of returning to the Novgorod diocese, where Metropolitan Gabriel had invited him to head the Ivéron Vallai Monastery. But when his cell attendant mentioned this to Elder Aaron, he declared: "Are you mad? The Mother of God does not direct him to move away from here."

The cell attendant conveyed these words to His Grace. "If that is so," he said, "I shall not move away from here," and he tore up the invitation. Sometimes he journeyed to the village of Lipovka, where he celebrated Church Services at the Bekhteev house. The Saint also journeyed to Tolshev Monastery, which he loved for its solitude.

The fruition of all his spiritual life were the books that the Saint wrote while in retirement: *A Spiritual Treasury, Gathered from the World* (1770), and *On True Christianity* (1776).

Bishop Tikhon lived in very simple circumstances: he slept on straw, covered by a sheepskin coat. His humility was so great that he paid no attention to the workers who laughed at him as he walked about the Monastery, pretending that he did not hear them. He used to say, "It is pleasing to God that even the Monastery workers mock me, and I deserve it because of my sins." He often said, "Forgiveness is better than revenge."

Once, a Holy Fool named Kamenev struck the Hierarch on the cheek saying, "Don't be so haughty." He accepted this with gratitude, and gave the Fool three kopeks every day for the rest of his life.

All his life the Saint "endured troubles, sorrows, and insults joyfully, mindful that there can be no crown without victory, nor victory without effort, nor effort without struggle, nor struggle without enemies" (Ode 6 of the Canon).

Strict with himself, Vladyka was lenient toward others. On the Friday before Palm Sunday, he entered the cell of his friend Schema-monk Mētrophánēs, and he saw him at table together with Cosmas Ignatievich, of whom he was also fond. There was fish on the table, and his friends were upset (fish is not permitted during Lent, except for Feast days). The Saint said, "Sit down, for I know you. Love is higher than fasting." He even ate some of their fish soup in order to calm them.

He especially loved the common folk, and comforted them in their grievous lot, interceding with the landowners, and moving them to compassion. He gave away his pension, as well as gifts from his admirers, to the poor.

By his deeds of self-denial and love of soul, the Saint advanced in contemplation of Heaven and foresaw the future. In 1778, he had a vision in his sleep: the Mother of God stood in the clouds, and near her were the Apostles Peter and Paul. On his knees, the Hierarch prayed to the Most Pure Virgin for the peace of the whole world. The Apostle Paul loudly exclaimed: "When they shall say, peace and

safety; then sudden destruction will come upon them" (I Thessalonians 5:3). Bishop Tikhon fell asleep with trembling and with tears.

The following year, he saw the Mother of God in the air again and several people near her. The Saint knelt down, and near him four others in white garments also fell to their knees. The Hierarch entreated the Most Pure Virgin for someone, that she would not abandon him (he did not tell his cell attendant who the four people were, nor for whom the request was made). She replied, "Let it be as you ask."

Saint Tikhon prophesied a great deal about the future, particularly Russia's victory over the French in 1812. More than once they saw him in a state of spiritual rapture, with a transformed and radiant face, but he forbade them to speak about this.

For three years before his repose he prayed each day, "Tell me, O Lord, of my end." And a quiet voice in the morning dawn said, "It shall be on a Sunday." In that same year, he saw in a dream a beautiful meadow with wondrous palaces upon it. He wanted to go inside, but they said to him: "In three years, you may enter. For now, continue your labors." After this the Saint shut himself in his cell and admitted just a few friends.

Both vestments and a grave were prepared for the time of his death. He often came to weep over his coffin, while standing hidden from people in a closet. A year and three months before his death, in a vivid dream, it seemed to him that he was standing in the Monastery church. A priest of his acquaintance was carrying the Divine Infant, covered with a veil, out of the altar through the Royal Doors. Vladyka approached and kissed the Infant on the right cheek, and he felt himself stricken on his left. Awakening, the Saint felt a numbness in his left cheek, his left leg, and a trembling in his left hand. He accepted this affliction with joy.

Shortly before his repose, Saint Tikhon saw a high and twisting ladder in a dream, and he was ordered to climb it. "At first, I was afraid because of my weakness," he told his friend Cosmas. "But when I started to go climb, the people standing around the ladder lifted me higher and higher, up to the very clouds."

"The ladder," said Cosmas, "is the way to the Heavenly Kingdom. Those who helped were those whom you have helped by your advice, and so they remember you." The Saint said with tears, "I thought so, too. I feel that my end is near." He partook of the Holy Mysteries frequently during his final illness.

Vladyka reposed, as was revealed to him, on Sunday August 13, 1783, at the age of fifty-nine. The first uncovering of his relics occurred on May 14, 1846. Saint Tikhon was glorified on Sunday August 13, 1861.

PRAYER LIST – UPDATE

We would like to kindly ask you to help us update our Prayer List. Please let us know if some names can be taken off the list, and if you have new names that should be added. Call, text, or email Fr. Peter. Thank you in advance!

2023 LIFE CONFERENCE

Life: The Political, Medical, Moral, and Philosophical

Saturday, September 30,2023

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Hall
506 East Main Street
Marblehead, Ohio

SPEAKERS

(in alphabetical order)

Professor Janet Smith

Tickets \$60.00/Student tickets \$30.00 Scholarships available

Registration at 8:00 am
Conference 9:00 am-5:00pm
Continental breakfast and lunch included

Deadline to register Wednesday September 27, 2023.

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