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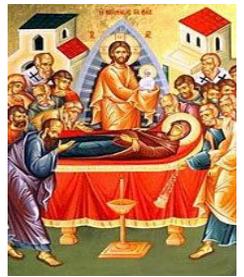
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11 June 2017

Schedule of Services:

11 June - The First Sunday after Pentecost; The Holy Apostles - Bartholomew and Barnabas

9:15AM.....The Third Hour

9:30AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by the Short Litya for the Blessed

Repose of Cristina M. Rindfleisch, Tina's Mom on the 11th anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord

17 June - The Martyrs - Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael of Persia

No Services Today

Confessions by appointment

18 June - The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost; All the Saints of America; Martyr Leontius and his Companions

9:15AM.....The Third Hour

9:30AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by the Short Litya for the Blessed

Repose of Jean Frances Glovinsky, on the 1st anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord at the request of Basil

From the Book of Ecclesiasticus:

***“If you see a man of understanding, visit him early,
let your feet wear out his doorstep.*”**

- Ecclesiasticus 6:36

Attendance and Collection

6/04/2017 – Total Attendance: 27: 23 parishioners; 3 children; 2 guests; Collection: \$1,343.00



“For the Service of Thy House, O Lord...”

Reader Schedule:

For the week of June 4: David Mazurik

For the week of June 11: Wayne Golob

For the week of June 18: Tim Glovinsky

For the week of June 25: Ron Royhab



Vigil Lamps Offered by:

Basil Glovinsky (1) For the health and healing of **Joe Rose**.

Susan Guzy (1) For the health and healing of **Joe Rose**.

Natalie Twarek (6) For the health and recovery of **Nancy Greer**; For the health and healing of **Joe Rose**; For the health of **Sue, Morgan, Leonard, Jake, Katy, Ron, Helen, Diane, John, and Judy**; Graduation blessings to **Keyondrea**; Anniversary remembrance – **Mom & Dad** (4 June); For the health of **Missy** (for a C-section, 6 June); Special Intentions.

Laura Kovach (3) For the health of **Joe Rose**, and **Alex**; Safe travel for family; Birthday blessings to **Stephanie**.
Special Intentions.

Marguerite Bird (1)

Sandy Martin (2) Speedy recovery and good health for **Joe**; Special Intentions.

Troparion for Today's Commemoration –

*As with fine porphyry and royal purple,
Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world.*

She cries to Thee, O Christ God:

*“Send down Thy bounties on Thy people,
grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls!”*



Let us pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:

Dennis Milano – receiving chemotherapy for cancer (prognosis: Good) brother-in-law of Wayne & Heidi Golob
Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo – Greek Orthodox Bishop kidnapped in Syria; we pray for his safe return
Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim – Syriac Orthodox Bishop kidnapped in Syria; we pray for his safe return
Karen Milano – for continued healing and restored health (Heidi Golob's sister)
Lois Tuttamore – in treatment for a re-occurrence of cancer (wife of Bill Tuttamore and friend of Ron Royhab)
Lynn Ruggles – for health and recovery
Alison Pinckney – for healing and restored health (daughter of a good friend of Wayne Golob)
Brad Biecheler – for healing and restored health (son of George Biecheler)
Martin Veronic – for successful surgery and full recovery
Violet Mattingly – neighbor of Greg Mazur, dealing with lung issues
Daria Petrykowski - diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer (dear friends of Ron & Bobbie Royhab)
William Rentz – for healing and restored complete health
Beth Reinhard – (friend of Diane Tryon) preparing for surgery, we pray for healing and restored health
James Heffernan – in treatment for cancer – we pray for healing and restored health
Baby Lucas Goodman – undergoing several surgeries to repair a rare heart defect (friend of Christi Soski)
Diane Tryon – now receiving dialysis three times per week – we pray for her healing and restored health
Joseph Habegger – for healing & restored health (Laura Kovach's brother-in-law)
John Mazurik – struggling with progressive dementia (brother of Paul Mazurik) – we pray for God's care and comfort
Judy Mazurik – recuperating from successful surgery to remove a tumor on her colon – we pray for healing & health
Howard Bailey – undergoing treatment for cancer – we pray for healing and complete recovery
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan – now home and recuperating – we pray for healing and restored health
Jake Lipstraw – in treatment after surgery for the removal of a tumor on the spine (friend of Natalie Twarek)
John Cox – in treatment for Parkinson's disease, and bone cancer (husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox)
Carolyn Zeigler – just diagnosed with lung cancer (friend of Jean Hileman)
Charles Nowak – now home & adjusting to new medications (grandson of Scott & Jose Kluding)
Helen M. Lis – now at Orchard Villa for skilled nursing and physical therapy
Stanley Lis – at Foundation Park with age related dementia
Joseph Rose – now recuperating from successful colon surgery
Thaddeus Geletka – (choir director of St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights) for healing and restored health
Ron Stevens – recuperating from emergency heart surgery (future father-in-law of Fred & Teri Cassel's son, Craig)
Leonard Reeves – in treatment for a serious heart attack & other complications (husband of Nikki Twarek's co-worker)
Cheryl Schell – in treatment for cancer (Principal of Oak Harbor High School – working with Jennifer Heffernan)
Nancy Greer – just diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor (grandmother of Nikki Twarek's friend Sean)

Please remember to update Father David on the condition of those for whom you have requested prayers so that we can keep this prayer list current.

Danbury Food Pantry

Here's the breakdown for donations we are asked to collect for the Danbury Food Pantry for 2017. We need your donations by the second Sunday of each month as the distribution of the donated food takes place on the third Saturday of the month. Please refer to the following chart for the monthly donations:

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - Donations requested for each month:

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Tuna	Apple Sauce	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Canned Vegetables	Tomato, Vegetable, or Chicken Soup	cereal	Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese Mix	Apple Sauce	Canned Fruit	Laundry Detergent	Jars of spaghetti sauce

Heartbeat of Ottawa County – “Baby Bottle Campaign”

First I want to thank all of you here at Holy Assumption Church for taking all 15 baby bottles from Heartbeat Pregnancy Center for its annual “**Baby Bottle Campaign.**” Your willingness to participate in this vital fund raising effort makes me very proud of all of you.

This year's effort will conclude NEXT SUNDAY - Father's Day, 18 June. Be sure to return your baby bottles filled with funds that will support **Heartbeat's** good work assisting unwed, and first time mothers and their families as they prepare to welcome a new life into their families.

Heartbeat's work begins before the baby is born, providing support and counselling to new mothers to insure that they do all the right things prenatally so that their babies are born healthy and strong and ready to greet the new world into which they will soon be born.

Then, if necessary, **Heartbeat** continues their support with clothing, diapers, cribs, bassinets, strollers, baby formula, whatever is needed to help new mothers and their babies to develop into healthy children. Every new life is a gift from God enriching His creation, and each year we are given the opportunity (in a small way) to be a part of that effort.

May God bless your “yes” with His blessings to each of you and your families.

Father David

***Why do we do that???* The Great Litany** by Father Lawrence Farley

At every Divine Liturgy, after the initial doxology in which the celebrant blesses the Kingdom of God and blesses with the sign of the Cross the altar table and its antimension before using it, the assembled Church prays the Great Litany. This represents the intercessory prayers of the royal priesthood, wherein the Church prays for the whole world in the Name of Jesus, standing in the gap and lifting up the whole needy cosmos to the mercy of God. Saint John Chrysostom, if taken straight from his Liturgy in the fourth century to ours, would be surprised that this was done so early in the liturgical assembly.

That is because in Saint John's day, there were catechumens present, men and women who were not yet part of the royal priesthood (that is, the holy laity), and who were therefore not yet qualified to offer those prayers to God. Our present liturgical ordo is not the actual service as served by Chrysostom (whatever our ascription says in the final dismissal), but the service of the Byzantine Church, dating from a time after the institution of the catechumenate had died out. In Chrysostom's day, the intercessory prayers were only offered after the catechumens had been dismissed. In the later Byzantine Church, there were no catechumens, and the only people present for the Liturgy were the baptized, since everyone had then been baptized in infancy. Thus there was no difficulty in everyone praying the intercessory prayers of the royal priesthood, because everyone present was then a part of that priesthood.

In those intercessory prayers of the Great Litany we note a certain generosity of spirit and universality of concern. That is, we don't just pray for our little congregation, or even for all the Orthodox, or even for all Christians. Instead we pray for absolutely everyone, Christian or not. We pray "for the peace of the whole world," "for this country and its President" (or its Queen, if living in the British Commonwealth), despite the fact that many in the country are not Christian and the ruler may not be Orthodox. We pray "for every city and countryside," regardless of how many Orthodox Christians may be in them, "for travelers by land, by sea, and by air, for the sick and the suffering," with no concern for whether the travelers, the sick and the suffering belong to our faith confession. In short, just as God causes His sun to shine on the just and the unjust, so we also pray for everyone, regardless of their deserving. This generosity of spirit and universality of concern in prayer is intended to flow over into the rest of our lives too — just as we pray for people regardless of their deserving, so we love and give to people regardless of their deserving. We pray for travelers whether or not they are Orthodox travelers, and we give spare change to beggars whether or not they are Orthodox beggars. The Great Litany thus trains us to regard a person's need as the primary thing, not their deserving. Their deserving and their final eternal score can be safely left with God. Our job is to pray, and love, and give.

The prayer offered at the conclusion of the Great Litany seems not directly connected with the petitions that have preceded it, but seems to be a general sort of prayer that could be offered in any situation. In it the celebrant invokes God "Whose power is incomparable, Whose glory is incomprehensible, Whose mercy is immeasurable, and Whose love for man is inexpressible." Note all the negative adjectives. They show that God is bigger than any words could describe (theologians call this "apophaticism"), beyond any description we could come up with, so that words almost have no meaning. Almost, but not quite — at the end of the day, we do have to say something in our corporate prayers. But by using these negative terms ("not comparable, not comprehensible, not measurable, not expressible") we show how vast is God's love and mercy to us. And that, when all is said and done, is why we sinners have the courage to pray and intercede at all. God allows us the vast dignity of causality, so that our little prayers become caught up in the immense tapestry of God's will, and help work His purposes in the world.

Archdiocese Mourns the Falling Asleep in the Lord of Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago

NEW YORK – The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is mourning the passing of Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, 89, who fell asleep in the Lord last night, June 2, 2017, at Chicago's Weiss Memorial Hospital following a short illness. In accordance with article 12 of the Charter of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Archbishop Demetrios in consultation with the Eparchial Synod named His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit as locum tenens, until a successor is elected.



Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago has served the Greek Orthodox Church in America for almost 50 years. He was born in Athens in 1928 where he received his basic and high school education. He graduated from the Theological School of the University of Athens and was ordained to the diaconate and the holy priesthood. He served the church in Athens until 1954 and later pursued graduate studies in Boston, while at the same time serving as priest in the area.

Following the reorganization of the Archdiocesan Districts into Dioceses, Bishop Iakovos was enthroned by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America on May 1, 1979, as the Bishop of Chicago at the Annunciation Cathedral. The Holy Metropolis of Chicago of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America consists of 59 parishes in total, thirty-four parishes in Illinois, with another twenty-five parishes in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, northern Indiana, and eastern Missouri; as well as two monastic communities.

Archbishop Demetrios of America will preside at the funeral service for Metropolitan Iakovos, Fri. June 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary in Chicago. The Divine Liturgy will precede the funeral. The previous evening Thursday, June 8, the Archbishop will chant a Trisagion service in the Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.