# Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith

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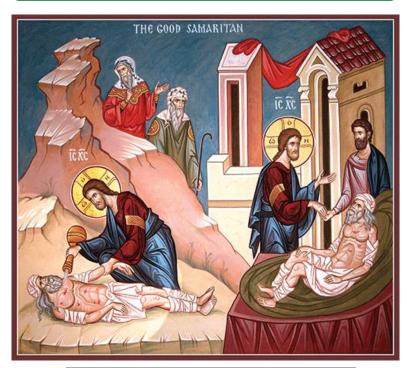
Holy Assumption Orthodox Church is a parish of the Orthodox Church in America,
Diocese of the Midwest



# **EPISTLE: Ephesians 2:4-10**

Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

#### TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Parable of the Good Samaritan

# **GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

At that time, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So, he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who

is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So, he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So, which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**Liturgical Schedule** MON. NOV 13 St. John Chrysostom Holy Apostle Philip TUE. NOV 14 WED. NOV 15 Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habibus, of Edessa **Nativity Fast Begins** Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew THU. NOV 16 FRI. NOV 17 St. Gregory, Wonderworker of Neo-Cæsarea SAT. NOV 18 Martyr Platón of Ancyra; Martyr Romanus the Deacon, of Caesarea, 4:00 PM **VESPERS** 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **SUN. – NOV 19** Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea 9:10 AM **DIVINE LITURGY** Followed by Coffee Hour 9:30 AM

# FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Tony Monastra, Firelands Hospital Sandusky; Patti Owens, 311 Woodbridge Road, Vermilion, OH 44089; 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

# **NOVEMBER CANDLE SPONSORS**

Altar Candles: Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings upon Barbara Wroblewski, Matushka's mother (\$50); Chandelier: Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings of Michal Tomáš, Father's father (\$50); Eternal Light & Icon Screen: Available (\$25); Candles at the Cross: Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Madelyn, Amanda, Andrew, and Betty; and in memory of Uncle Alex (\$20); Candles at St. Sophia Icon: For

Amanda, Andrew, and Betty; and in memory of Uncle Alex (\$20); Candles at St. Sophia Icon: For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (\$20)



#### **NOVEMBER REPOSED**

Michael Guzy (1927) No date provided; Mary Lou Hobson (2015) No date provided; 1-Peter Felenchak (1974); 2- Donald Sennich (1994); 3- Marian Glovinsky (2001); 5-Margaret Pietropolo (2009); 5- Dan Opritza (2021) 5- Joseph Guzy (1974); 6- William Rentz (2018); 6- Michael Chemorov (2019); 8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003); 8- Anne

Catherine Glovinsky (2004); **9**- Ann Golob (No year recorded); **9**- Robley Blackford (2021); **18**- Archpriest George Timko (2000) Former Pastor; **19**- Evelyn Biecheler (2002); **19**- Frances (Nancy B. mom)(2019); **19**- Orestes Mihaly No year provided; **21**- Ann S. Ratica (1991); **22**- Joann Carender No year provided; **23**- George Michael Elchisco (2016); **26**- Janet Elchisko (2018); **28**- Anna Grabonsky (1972); **29**-Alexander Mazur (2003)



# **VIGILS FOR NOVEMBER 5**

**Jean Hileman 1** For health of Elaine Hileman

Laura Kovach 3 Birthday blessings to Amanda.

For health and/or healing of Patti O., Tony M., Matushka Michelle, Hannah S.,

Barbara D., Pauline O., George K., Joe H., Margi H., Betty K., Ben F., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D.

Prayers for Keri and family.

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Darlene & Gabe Mazurik 1 Special intentions

Diane Tryon 2 In loving memory of Aunt Mamie for her anniversary, Special intentions

**Natalie Twarek 8** God's blessings for Doug and Melissa, For health and recovery of Tom Sitzler, For health and healing for Tony, Health and healing for Barbara and Patti, For the health of Matushka Michelle, For the health and recovery of Basil, Diane, and Don Kiser, Health and recovery of Rick Krynock, Health of Roger, Ed, Irene, Father David, Marilyn, Pauline, Judy, Mimi, Tina, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie, 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

#### PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Patti Owens / Tony Monastra / Don Kiser / Ruth / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Jeanne Smith / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Chris Hannon / Subdeacon Roger Pinta / 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 / Gabrielle and her newborn Josey / Carol / Debbie & Marco / Nora. Other Requests: Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / 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 / Chuck Wiedenhoft / Chris. Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



#### **ATTENDANCE**

11/04 Vespers, 7 attending; 11/05 Divine Liturgy, 27 attending (5 Guests)



#### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 16 – Valerie Schutt; Nov. 17 – Cole Heffernan; Nov. 17 – Roddie Mazurik



# **READERS LIST**

Sunday Nov 12 – Natalie Sunday Nov 19 – Jake Sunday Nov 26 – Tim Sunday Dec 3 – Ron



#### CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov 13, Susan Nov 20, Laura Nov 27, Jean Dec 4, Stephanie



# **CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE 2024**

It is time to update the church cleaning schedule for 2024. First, thank you to those who have been on the schedule for many years. We often hear of giving of your TIME, TALENT, or TREASURE. You are the people who have been giving of your TIME and again we thank you.

We are always looking for additional volunteers who would be willing to give of their TIME, once a week, to clean God's house. Cleaning can take place at

your convenience, Monday - Saturday. The weekly cleaning takes less than an hour and your obligation would be once every 2½ to 3 months, depending on the number of volunteers in the rotation.

Please contact Laura if you have any questions or wish to be added to the rotation.



# KITCHEN REPAIR

As we are planning to make some necessary repairs and updates to our kitchen, we are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to serve as "Kitchen Repair Committee." If you have some good ideas about the repair, please see Fr. Peter or Ron Royhab and volunteer for the position on the committee. Thank you in advance for your consideration!



# **CHARITY OF THE MONTH**

"ZOE for Life" is the charity we donate to for the month of November.



#### **CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**

Part of our church property is our cute cemetery, where many of our relatives and friends are buried. To keep our cemetery well maintained and beautiful, we must use our church resources to pay for the maintenance and upkeep. Our Parish has a separate "Cemetery Account" that we use for that purpose, but it

came to our attention that very few donations are made throughout the year. Therefore, we would like to ask you to consider to donate for the maintenance of our cemetery for the future. Kindly use your envelope marked "CEMETERY" to make your donation. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

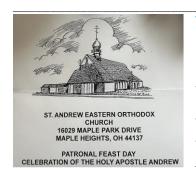
# SUNDAY

#### SUNDAY OFFERING

# Sunday, November 5, 2023

Tithe	\$1	,030.00
Candles	\$	38.00
Vigils	\$	105.00
Donations	\$	35.00
Holy Day Donation	\$	100.00
Zoe for Life (Nov) Charity	\$	100.00
Chandelier	\$	50.00
Altar Candles	\$	50.00
Candles at St. Tikhon's icon	\$	20.00
Total:	<b>\$1</b>	,528.00

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



#### YOU ARE INVITED TO PATRONAL FEASTDAY CELEBRATION

Fr. Emilian and the parishioners of **St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church**, 16029 Maple Park Drive, Maple Hights, OH 44137 are inviting us to participate in their **Patronal Feast Day of St. Andrew the First-called** on **Thursday**, **November 30**, **2023**. The Festal Divine Liturgy will be held at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by an Advent Meal. Please let Fr. Peter know that you are going so he can give the number of the participants for the meal. Also, please see the flyer on the bulletin board!



# **ENCOUNTERING CHRIST ON OUR DAILY PILGRIMAGE**

Join St. Herman House – FOCUS Cleveland for our 11th Anniversary November Event, featuring His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America. He will be speaking about his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land and how we can encounter Christ ourselves on a daily basis.

When: Monday, November 13, 2023

Where: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 6822 Broadview Road, Parma OH 44134

Doors Open at **6:30 PM** Appetizers **6:30-7:30 PM** Program **7:30 - 8:30 PM** 

**\$30 per person** - Tickets can be purchased online at <a href="mailto:sainthermans.org/event/">sainthermans.org/event/</a>



# PAN-ORTHODOX NATIVITY CONCERT

**Archangel Michael Orthodox Church**, 5025 E. Mill Rd., Broadview Hights, OH is sponsoring a **Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert**, which will take place on **Sunday**, **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at **4:00 PM**. Refreshments to follow. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board!



# TRIP TO HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY

by Roberta Royhab

Three parishioners, Laura Kovach, Jake Muscaro, and Roberta Royhab traveled to Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery in the small farm community

of Rives Junction, Michigan, to participate in the annual fall work day on Saturday, November 4. They



went to help to maintain the extensive yards and gardens, and to visit the monastery for women which is about 150 miles from Marblehead in south central Michigan.

They arrived the day before on Friday, November 3, and stayed in the 24-bed guest house. Vespers were held Friday at 5 PM followed by supper in the trapeza (dining hall). About 15 visitors stayed overnight. On Saturday Divine Liturgy began at 8 AM, preceded by Matins, in the magnificent church, with walls and ceilings completely covered with icons.

A light breakfast followed Liturgy, and by this time many more people had arrived! There were about 50 volunteers which included many young people and several families from surrounding areas.

The group from Holy Assumption worked in the big "children's garden" and the yard by the pavilion (that accommodates the visitors who attend Divine Liturgy held there for the feast day of Dormition on August 15). They raked leaves and hauled them to a field. At 12:45 PM the dinner bell rang and a delicious lunch of soup, Halupki, vegetable stew, bread, and specialty desserts was served. Work resumed, and the group left at about 3 PM for the trip home.

Holy Dormition Monastery is situated on 200 acres of land, partly wooded, and partly developed into gardens, meadows, ponds, walking trails, and open spaces.

Beyond the gardens there is a huge cemetery with a chapel, and beyond the cemetery and vegetable gardens there are woods with shrines, a small prayer

cottage, and a pond.



While looking for the gravesites of Archimandrite Roman Braga—a prisoner of the communist regime in

Romania for many years and former spiritual father to the

Dormition community—and his sister, Mother Abbess Benedicta, a founder of the monastery,

Roberta nearly stumbled onto the grave of Archbishop Paul Gassios of blessed memory, former bishop of the Diocese of the Midwest.

The first major activity of a monastery is prayer and the second is hospitality. The hospitality shown to the group from Holy Assumption by Mother Abbess Gabriella, other nuns, and novices, was joyful and totally welcoming! It was a blessed couple of days!

Dormition Monastery (<u>www.dormitionmonastery.org</u>) is under the omophorion of His Eminence Archbishop NATHANIEL of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America.





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

**Nov. 13**<sup>th</sup> Poppyseed and Nut Rolls baking 8:00 AM (Monday)

**Nov. 15**<sup>th</sup> Nativity Fast begins (Wednesday)

**Nov. 21**<sup>st</sup> Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple (*Tuesday*)

**Nov. 23**<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving – Civil Holiday (*Thursday*)

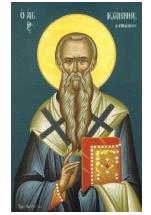
**Dec. 6**<sup>th</sup> St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (Wednesday)

**Dec.** 9<sup>th</sup> Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos (Saturday)

**Dec. 24**<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Nativity; Christmas Eve (Sunday)

*Dec.* 25<sup>th</sup> NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Monday)

- Consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy



# Saint John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria

Commemorated on November 12

Saint John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria, was born on Cyprus in the seventh century into the family of the illustrious dignitary Epiphanius. At the wish of his parents, he entered into marriage and had children. When the wife and the children of the saint died, he became a monk. He was zealous in fasting and prayer, and had great love for those around him.

His spiritual exploits won him honor among men, and even the emperor revered him. When the Patriarchal throne of Alexandria fell vacant, the emperor Heraclius and all the clergy begged Saint John to occupy the Patriarchal throne.

The saint worthily assumed his archpastoral service, concerning himself with the moral and dogmatic welfare of his flock. As patriarch he denounced every soul-destroying heresy, and drove out from Alexandria the Monophysite Phyllonos of Antioch.

He considered his chief task to be charitable and to give help all those in need. At the beginning of his patriarchal service he ordered his stewards to compile a list of all the poor and downtrodden in Alexandria, which turned out to be over seven thousand men. The saint ordered that all of these unfortunates be provided for each day out of the church's treasury.

Twice during the week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, he emerged from the doors of the patriarchal cathedral, and sitting on the church portico, he received everyone in need. He settled quarrels, helped the wronged, and distributed alms. Three times a week he visited the sick-houses, and rendered assistance to the suffering. It was during this period that the emperor Heraclius led a tremendous army against the Persian emperor Chosroes II. The Persians ravaged and burned Jerusalem, taking a multitude of captives. The holy Patriarch John gave a large portion of the church treasury for their ransom.

The saint never refused suppliants. One day, when the saint was visiting the sick, he met a beggar and commanded that he be given six silver coins. The beggar changed his clothes, ran on ahead of the Patriarch, and again asked for alms. Saint John gave him six more silver coins. When, however, the beggar sought charity a third time, and the servants began to chase the fellow away, the Patriarch ordered that he be given twelve pieces of silver, saying, "Perhaps he is Christ putting me to the test."



Twice the saint gave money to a merchant that had suffered shipwreck, and a third time gave him a ship belonging to the Patriarchate and filled with grain, with which the merchant had a successful journey and repaid his obligations.

Saint John the Merciful was known for his gentle attitude towards people. Once, the saint was compelled to excommunicate two clergymen for a certain time because of some offense. One of them repented, but the other fellow became angry with the Patriarch and fell into greater sins. The saint wanted to summon him and calm him with kind words, but it slipped his mind. When he was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, the saint was suddenly reminded by the words of the Gospel: "If you bring your gift to the altar and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift before the altar ... first, be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt. 5:23-24). The saint came out of the altar, called the offending clergyman to him, and falling down on his knees before him in front of all the people he asked forgiveness. The cleric, filled with remorse, repented of his sin, corrected himself, and afterwards was found worthy to be ordained to the priesthood.

There was a time when a certain citizen insulted George, the Patriarch's nephew. George asked the saint to avenge the wrong. The saint promised to deal with the offender so that all of Alexandria would marvel at what he had done. This calmed George, and Saint John began to instruct him, speaking of the necessity for meekness and humility. Then he summoned the man who insulted George. When Saint John learned that the man lived in a house owned by the church, he declared that he would excuse him from paying rent for an entire year. Alexandria indeed was amazed by such a "revenge," and George learned from his uncle how to forgive offenses and to bear insults for God's sake.

Saint John, a strict ascetic and man of prayer, was always mindful of his soul, and of death. He ordered a coffin for himself, but told the craftsmen not to finish it. Instead, he would have them come each feast day and ask if it was time to finish the work.

Saint John was persuaded to accompany the governor Nicetas on a visit to the emperor in Constantinople. While on his way to visit the earthly king, he dreamed of a resplendent man who said to him, "The King of Kings summons you." He sailed to his native island of Cyprus, and at Amanthos the saint peacefully fell asleep in the Lord (616-620).



### Venerable Neilos the Ascetic of Sinai

Commemorated on November 12

Saint Neilos the Ascetic of Sinai, a native of Constantinople, lived during the V century and was a disciple of Saint John Chrysostom, who exerted a tremendous influence upon their lives and their spiritual struggles. After receiving a fine education, the Saint was appointed to the important post of prefect of the capital while still a young man. During this period, Neilos was married and had children, but the couple found courtly life distasteful.

About the year 390, by mutual consent, they decided to abandon the world and entered monasteries. Neilos's wife and daughter went to one of the women's monasteries in Egypt, while he and his son Theódoulos went to

Mount Sinai, where they settled in a cave, which they dug out with their own hands. For forty years this cave served as the abode of Saint Neilos. By fasting, vigil, and prayer, he attained a high degree of spiritual perfection. People began coming to him from every occupation and social rank, from the Emperor down to the farmer, and all of them received counsel and comfort from the Saint.

On Sinai, Saint Neilos wrote many soul-profiting works to guide Christians on the path of salvation. In one of his letters there is an angry denunciation of the Emperor Arkadios, who had unjustly exiled Saint John Chrysostom. The ascetical writings of Saint Neilos are widely known: they are perfectly executed

in form, profoundly Orthodox in content, and are clear and lucid in expression. His Ascetic Discourse is found in Volume I of the English *Philokalia*.

Saint Neilos suffered many misfortunes in the wilderness. Once, Saracens captured his son Theódoulos, whom they intended to offer as a sacrifice to their pagan gods. By the Saint's prayers the Lord rescued Theódoulos, and his father found him with the Bishop of Emessa, who had ransomed the young man from the barbarians. This bishop ordained both of them as presbyters. After ordination they returned to Sinai, where they lived as ascetics together until Saint Neilos reposed. His holy relics were transferred to Constantinople in the reign of Justin II (565-578), and were placed in the church of the Holy Apostles.

The Greek Philokalia has a quote from Saint Neilos beneath his icon: "The state of prayer is a passionless, settled disposition of the soul which, by supreme love, transports the wisdom-loving mind to spiritual heights." (See the English Philokalia, 153 Sections. Concerning Prayer, # 53).

<sup>1</sup> In earlier editions of the Synaxaristes and the Menaion, it was erroneously stated that Saint Neilos lived during the reign of Emperor Maurikios (582-602). This was corrected in later editions, since he was a disciple of Saint John Chrysostom, and was esteemed by Emperor Arkadios because of his virtues.

Holy Assumption Market Days
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9am- 11am

#### ORDERS SHOULD BE PLACED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 8 AND DECEMBER 6

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	Perohi1/2 dozen for \$6 (sauerkraut with butter & onion Ready to heat and eat) Frozen	
	Baklava \$3	
	Cinnamon buns - \$3.00 each	
	Giant Cookies (chocolate chip M&M, molasses, oatmeal raisin, snickerdoodle) \$3	
	Nut Horns 1/2 # \$7	
	Nut Roll, whole \$12	
	Nut Roll, half \$6	
	Poppyseed Roll, whole \$12	
	Poppyseed Roll, half \$6	
	TOTAL	

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