

THE PARISH WEEKLY

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

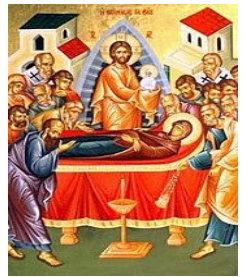
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Mr. Ronald F. Royhab, Parish Council President



28 May 2017

Schedule of Services:

28 May - The 7th Sunday of PASCHA: Sunday of the Fathers of Nicea I; Afterfeast of the Ascension

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

9:30AM.....Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by the Short Litya for the Blessed Repose of George Michael Elchisco at the 6th month anniversary of her Falling Asleep in the Lord at the request of Sandy Martin

3 June - The Martyr Lucillian

4:00PM.....Great Vespers

4:50PM.....Confessions

4 May - THE GREAT FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY - PENTECOST

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

9:30AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

11:30AM.....The Vespers of Pentecost with the Kneeling Prayers

From the Book of Ecclesiasticus:

*“If you love listening you will learn,
If you lend an ear, wisdom will be yours.*

- *Ecclesiasticus 6:33-34*

Attendance and Collection

5/21/2017 – Total Attendance: 30: 24 parishioners; 5 children; 1 guest; Collection: \$2,136.00; Bookstore: \$34.00; Medicare Reimbursement for July & August from Father David: \$268.00



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

Reader Schedule:

For the week of May 28: Ron Royhab
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:

for Sunday, 14 May -

Susan Guzy (4) Peace, health, and happiness for **Mom**; In Loving memory of **Aunt Mary**, grandmothers – **Victoria**, and **Julia Cardie**.

Sonya Rose (1) For the health of husband, **Joe Rose**.

Natalie Twarek (6) Loving Mother's Day Remembrance of **Mom**, **Godmother**, **Aunt Ella**, and **Baba Mazurik**; For the health of **Sue**, **Morgan**, **Leonard**, **Jake**, **Katy**, **Helen**, **Diane**, **John**, and **Judy**; Anniversary blessings to **Dave & Jane**; Special Intentions.

Laura Kovach (3) In loving memory of **Mom**; Birthday blessings to **Michael**; Safe travel for family; Safe travel for **Tina and Tony**; Special Intentions.

Diane Tryon (4) In Loving memory of **Mom**; In Loving memory of **Grandmas**; In Loving memory of **Aunt Ann**, my Godmother; Special Intentions.

Joseph and Valerie Schutt (1)

Marguerite Bird (1) Special Intentions.

Janice Timko (1) In blessed and loving memory of my precious parents, **Sophia & Peter Monak** on Mother's Day –
“Missing you is a heartache that never goes away, Vechnaya Pamyat!”

Basil Glovinsky (5) Mother's Day loving memories to wife, **Jean**; Mother's Day loving memories to mother, **Mary Martha**; Mother's Day loving memories to mother-in-law **Catherine**; Mother's Day loving memories to sister, **Marian**.

Sandy Martin (2) In loving memory of **Mom**; Special Intentions.

Tim Glovinsky (1) In Mother's Day memory of **Mom**.

for Saturday, 20 May – Joe and Valerie’s Wedding

Joseph and Valerie Schutt (Chandelier) Is illuminated in loving memory of our mothers – **Violet Bargdill**, and **Laverne Schutt**, who lay in Blessed Repose.

for Sunday, 21 May –

Marguerite Bird (1)

Julia Guzy (4) In Loving memory of mother, **Julia**, grandmother, **Julia**, godmother, **Rosalie**, and mother-in-law. **Victoria**
– “*Vechnaya Pamyat!*”

Sandy Martin (1)

Greg Mazur (1) Health, healing, and strength to **Joe Rose**.

Joseph & Valerie Schutt (4) For the health of the **Weisend Family**; For the health of the **Schutt Family**; For the health of **Joseph and Valerie Schutt**.

Natalie Twarek (7) For the health & recovery of **Joe Rose**; Wedding Blessings to **Joe and Valerie** (5/20); Anniversary blessings to **Jayne and Dave** (5/12); Health & recovery to **Leonard**; For the health of **Sue, Morgan, Ron, Jake, Katy, Helen, Diane, John, and Judy**; Special Intentions.



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 Petrykowsky - 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 in physical therapy and recuperating from knee replacement 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)

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

An Explanation -

The **PARISH WEEKLY** returns with this Sunday's edition. I thank all of you for your understanding with its absence, due to the failure of the hard drive on my PC. It has taken two weeks to reinstall all of the data and updates onto my new hard drive, and I am still getting use to Windows 7. Mailings will continue to be delayed until the end of this week as I will have to install a second hard drive with Windows XP in order to get Membership Plus7 to function – which contains all of my address data and contributions received directly by me for the parish.

Unfortunately we did lose some data – mostly the bulletin files for the month of May (but these are available on the parish's website in PDF format).

This is been quite a challenge (and a bit of a nightmare) but we are nearly out of the woods.

Again, Thank you for your patience.

Father David

Weisend - Schutt Wedding!

Saturday, 20 May saw the celebration of the Holy Mystery of Marriage of Valerie Weisend to Joseph Schutt here at Holy Assumption Church in Marblehead, Ohio.

Concelebrated by Father David and Father Matthew Moriak, Rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church in Columbus, Ohio, our parish community witnessed the joy-filled union of Valerie and Joe.

May God grant them – long life, health, happiness, and many years together as they begin their married life! Many Years!



Father Matthew performs the Betrothal



Frs. David & Matthew lead Joe & Valerie into the Temple



Father Matthew offers the Common Cup



Frs. David and Matthew reflect on the Mystery celebrated

In Grateful Appreciation....

Again I want to thank all of you who joined me for the Farewell Dinner hosted by the Parish Council of Holy Assumption Church last Sunday at the 1812. As I struggled to put into words my thanks and affection for all of you in response to your incredible expressions of affection for me and you thanks for all of my efforts for the good of Holy Assumption, I continue to be deeply touched and at a loss for the words that express all that I was feeling.

You will all always be in my heart and thoughts as I move into retirement and I pray that God will not only guide and guard you in all that you do, but will, with His gentle hand, urge you on to even greater efforts to be His witnesses to all of the people of Marblehead.

You carry within yourself the Light of the world! Never be ashamed or afraid to share that Light. Never let anyone tempt you to hide the Light you carry within you under a bushel.

May God bless all of you with health, happiness, good hastening in all things, and Many Years!

Father David

from His Grace, Bishop Paul...

May 22, 2017
Martyr Basiliscus
№. 92

Archpriest David Lis
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Marblehead, OH 43440-2224

Dear Father David,

Christ is risen!

I am in receipt of your letter of March 1, 2017, in which you request retirement. I do hereby grant the following, effective July 1, 2017:

- Retirement from Holy Assumption Church in Marblehead, OH.
- You are released from your duties as Rector of Holy Assumption Church.
- You are attached in retirement to Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, MI.

Father, thank you for the consistent, steady leadership you have provided to Holy Assumption over the years you have been her priest. You are leaving the parish in a good place for the next priest who will be assigned there. Thank you as well for the continued support you will provide our Diocese during the course of your retirement.

May the Lord bless you.

With Love in Christ,
Paul
Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest

Cc.: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon
Archpriest John Jillions
Archpriest John Zdinak
Archpriest Andrew Clements
Archpriest Andrew Yavornitzky
Archpriest Michael Butler
Holy Assumption Parish Council
Holy Transfiguration Parish Council
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The Ascension: a Beginning, Not an Ending *by Fr. Lawrence Farley*

If one read the four Gospels as if they were four separate biographies of Jesus, one might be forgiven for thinking that the Ascension narrated the end of the story. We have read narratives of Christ's birth, His baptism, His temptation in the wilderness, His ministry, His crucifixion, His resurrection, and now at the last we come the narrative of His ascension, concluding the story of His life with a heavenly happy ending. Everyone loves a happy ending, and this one rounds out the story of Jesus by saying in effect, "And He lived happily ever after at the right hand of God." In this way of thinking, the story is not finished without the Ascension.

It might therefore come as a surprise to learn that three out of the four canonical Gospels do not end with the Ascension or even narrate it at all. Matthew's Gospel ends not with Christ ascending from us, but with His remaining with us, uttering the words, "Behold, I am with you always, even to the close of the age" [Matthew 28:20]. The authentic ending of Mark's Gospel ends with the discovery of the empty tomb (the last part of Christ's public ministry, just as His baptism was the first part), and with the words that the women "fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid" [Mark 16:8]. John's Gospel ends with a third appearance of the risen Christ to His disciples by the Sea of Tiberias (scholars debate about whether or not it first ended with the earlier appearance to Thomas) and with John's observation that if everything Jesus had done were to be written up, the world itself could not contain those books. John clearly knew about the ascension, for he records Christ's words to Mary Magdalene, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father" [John 20:17], but he does not narrate that ascension any more than Matthew does or Mark does. Only Luke narrates the ascension, adding almost as an afterthought that "while He was blessing them, He went away from them and was carried up into heaven" [Luke 24:51], the ascension event itself expressed in a mere five words in the Greek. Luke narrates it at somewhat greater length in his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, saying with a similar economy of words, "while they were looking, He was taken up and a cloud received Him from their eyes" [Acts 1:9] – the event expressed in nine Greek words. What does all this mean?

For one thing it means that the Gospels are not biographies as we understand the term. But more importantly it reveals that the ascension was not the ending of a story, but the beginning of one, not the conclusion of Christ's life so much as the beginning of the life of the Church. It is no coincidence that the Evangelist who narrated the ascension also narrated at great length and repeatedly the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, so that Luke is the Evangelist of the Holy Spirit as well as the Evangelist of the Ascension. The two events are connected, for one is the cause of the other. Christ foretold it during His last night with His disciples prior to His arrest: "It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you" [John 16:7]. Luke narrated the fulfillment in the words of Peter's Pentecostal sermon: "Being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this which you both see and hear" [Acts 2:33].

The temptation is to regard the Holy Ascension as if it were the Holy Absence, as if Christ has gone away and we now have less of His presence than was available when He walked the earth. It is not so. While He walked the earth, the apostles could be with Him, but this nearness was conditioned by time and space, and there were times when they were not with Him. When He was not physically in Judea, for example, Mary and Martha could not be with Him. Now that He has been exalted to the Father's right hand and has sent His Spirit, we can be near Him always, for His presence is no longer conditioned by time and space. Everyone can now be close to Jesus and by the power of the Spirit can be with Him every waking hour and even every sleeping hour. The ascension and the sending of the Spirit means that we now have more of Jesus, not less of Him. That is why the Lord said at the end of Matthew's Gospel that He would be with us until the close of age. These words were not a denial of a future ascension, but a promise of it. The challenge for us now is to live as children of the ascension, and as children of the Spirit. Our Lord's presence and power are always available to us. The question is: how often do we avail ourselves of them?

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 on 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