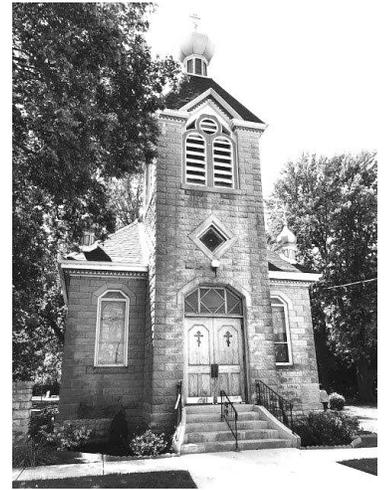


HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

JANUARY 15, 2023



JANUARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SUNDAYS, JANUARY 15, 22, &
29, 2023, 9:10 AM HOURS /
DIVINE LITURGY / SOCIAL HOUR**

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 18:18-27

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"

And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!

For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?"

But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804

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PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway / Maryann Cook / Sharon Dietrich / Charlie Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Elaine Hileman / Betty Kovach / Helen Lis / David Mazurik / Mark Mazurik / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / Sonya Rose / Elaine Libb / Ron Royhab / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Stephanie Royhab / Stacy Kaplan / Valerie Schutt / Joe Schutt / Tom Twarek / Diane Tryon / Ed Vangeloff / Irene Vangeloff / the child Bodhi Cassell / Nikki Williams & her newborn Brexly / Trisha Monschein & her newborn Zackary / Gleice & her unborn child

Other Requests: Donny / Marge Dziama / Child Ezra / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Dorothy Goldman / Donald Gresh / Jake Lipstraw / Mark Ludvik / Marsha / Mark Masica / Jamie Philpot / Robert Piznar / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Sandy Scafaria / David Warner / Chuck Wiedenhoft / Sara / Chris

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & all military

JANUARY CANDLE AND BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Altar Candles: (\$50) Available

Bulletin: (\$50) Available

Chandelier: (\$50) In memory of Joe Rose

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Available

Candles at the Cross: (15) From Laura for birthday blessings to Jim and Sarah

Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon: (\$15) For safety of Nicholas, Tikhon, and Gleice and her unborn child

VIGILS FOR JANUARY 8, 2023

Laura Kovach (4) For health of Robin, Irene, Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie & Molly K., Pete R., Sharon D., Sonya, Paul E., John D., Karen D., David W., and Chuck W. Memory eternal to Joe Rose. God's blessings and many years to Brexly, newborn son of Nikki and Sean. Birthday blessings and many years to Jim and Matushka Melania.

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Natalie Twarek (6) Birthday blessings to Matushka Melania, Health and recovery of Father David, Health and recovery of Irene, Don & Judy Kiser, Blessing to Nikki and newborn baby Brexly and family, For the health and recovery of Robin, Valerie, Joe, Ed, Ron, Mark, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Dottie, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Katie, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: 1-Jim Kovach; 3- Samuel Koren; 7-Susan Guzy; 8-Mat. Melania Adamcio; 8-Barbara Mazurik; 13-Mary Elizabeth Blackford; 14-Lauren Jerome; 30-Stephanie Warnke

Anniversaries: 11-Missy and Andy Schlotterer; 13-Subdeacon Roger and Debby Pinta

JANUARY REPOSED

Sara Rose (2005) No date provided; 3-Mat. Marilyn Federoff (2019); 3-Larry Naiser (2019); 3-Elinor Williams (2021); 4-Margaret Reavley (1965); 4-Baby Clyde Madison (2020); 5-Russell (2019;) Heidi's relative; 5-Donald (2019) Waynes Relative; 5-Maria Semionow (1981); 11-Anna Tomko (1960); 15-Archpriest Pavel Soucek (2009), Former Pastor; 16-Emerson E. Libb (1997); 21-Daniel Kowal (2006); 21-Philip Kobb (2018); 23-Helen Beadle (1988); 23-Deborah Pribanic (2020); 25- Jane Naiser (2019) Ron's Aunt; 25-William "Bill" Alber (2021); 28-Michael Tarasavage (2021); 29-Anna Kravetz (1973); 29-Marjorie Kowal (2003); 29-Ernest Gresh (2020); 29-Rick Schlotterer (2020); 30-Anna Schofield (2021)



Holy Assumption parishioners surprised Matushka Melania Adamcio with a celebration on her birthday January 8 which included a potluck lunch, cake, and ice cream. Father John comments that the wives of married priests support their husbands in many ways throughout their husbands' ministries in the Church, and should be recognized whenever they can. I would not be the priest I am today without Mat. Melania, he said.

JANUARY CHARITY IS "SUPPORT A MISSION PRIEST" (SAMP)

There are Orthodox mission priests all over the world following in the footsteps of the apostles, spreading the message of Christ's love where people hunger for the peace and truth of the Orthodox Faith...

The Support a Mission Priest Program (SAMP) of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) provides a subsidy to help these priests share the Faith, care for their communities, and provide for their families. The program gets nearly 400 clergy in 15 countries the support they need.—From OCMC website.

Holy Assumption is enrolled in this program and helps to support the mission priest, Father Frumentios Msuri Kweka, in Tanzania. He serves the parish of Ss. Constantine and Helen in Arusha. For more information about Orthodoxy in East Africa see the article on Fr. Frumentios on the bulletin board.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE January 8, Sunday Divine Liturgy, 22 attended

CLEANING SCHEDULE Week of January 16, Sandy; week of January 23, Roddie; week of January 30, Natalie

From the Amvon of Fr. John Adamcio

How Many More Times Do I Have To Tell You: Don't Touch The Stove!!

I can't tell you how many times growing up as a kid I have heard this type of admonition. Don't touch it! Don't go there! Don't do that! I'm sure you must have heard this from your father, mother, grandmother, or other adults when you were growing up. And I bet you have said this yourself, or to your children! Ah, if only we had a nickel for all the times we may have said this, or something just like it.

It seems as though some of us have difficulty in understanding the concepts of things that can hurt us! **This is also true in the spiritual life as well.**

One of the greatest gifts our Lord Jesus Christ has given us is that of free will. Not even the angels in heaven have free will, yet we humans do. Yet, we often squander this gift by choosing to do those things against God's will: to choose sin.

Our Lord tells us so many different times what we must do in order to inherit eternal life, just as He told the Rich Young Ruler we encounter in this week's Gospel reading: "You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" (Luke 18:20).

Our Lord would go on to say: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: **'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'**" (Matt. 22:37-39). These seem rather elementary and simple, yet we find it so hard to follow.

However, just as this rich young man tried to justify himself in the eyes of our Lord, so too we try to justify our thoughts, actions...sins...to ourselves, each other, and to God Himself! Too often we misuse our free will and do things contrary to God's law and love. What should be an easy exercise of obedience and love to our Saviour now becomes difficult.

It really is a matter of what is important to us, to our lives. We must ask ourselves what is really important to us. Quite frankly, we have to ask ourselves if we are truly interested in our salvation. If we are, then our decisions will be much different.

After this young man was confronted with the suggestions of our Lord as to becoming perfect, he went away sorrowful as he was more attached to his wealth than he was to his own salvation.

What are we going to do? What changes will we make in our attitudes and lives in order to attain salvation? Certainly, Jesus is not demanding us to sell all our worldly goods and live in a cave! But He does want us to follow His commandments, His life, and live in His love.

Confronted with the same situation, what decisions will we make? **Will we be willing to change our lives? Sharing with one another; forgiving one another; helping one another?** Or will we, like this rich young ruler, go away sorrowful not willing to change our lives, attitudes, or thinking.

This decision is yours.

Grandparents Teri and Fred / “Mimi” and “Papa” enjoy visit with Bodhi and his family in Arizona



Bodhi has come a long way since he was born three and a half years ago to Katie and Craig Cassell, daughter in law and son of Teri and Fred Cassell of Marblehead.

His grandparents recently visited him and his parents at their home in Arizona and shared these photos and their story.

In photo above at left, Bodhi and his parents attend their church, All Saints Orthodox Church in Youngstown, Arizona; in photo above at right, Bodhi hugs “Puppy”; in photo at left, he works hard in walking therapy.

On the next page Teri and Fred write about their grandson and his difficult journey.

Teri and Fred Cassell wrote on January 12, 2023:



Our grandson Bodhi is now 3-1/2 years old and weighs 32 pounds. He has come a long way from being a micro-preemie born at 23 weeks and weighing only 1 lb. & 3 oz.

He has faced many challenges (blindness, 11 surgeries, stomach feeding tube, digestive issues).

His premature airway still requires him to have the tracheotomy, but we are hopeful that with one more reconstruction surgery that it can be removed and he will begin speech and feeding therapy.

Teri and Fred Cassell with Bodhi

Bodhi goes to walking therapy twice a week, and has even started pre-school. His parents Craig and Katie have taught him sign language by "feel". This is so amazing to us because he is blind, but he is so determined to communicate.

On each visit to Arizona we witness firsthand the care that Craig and Katie provide for Bodhi on a daily basis. We know that God has blessed them with His Grace in this difficult journey.

Since Bodhi has gotten a little older and doesn't require as much medical equipment to accompany him anymore, he has been able to leave the house for a couple of hours, so this last Sunday we were all able to attend their church together, All Saints Orthodox Church in Youngtown, Arizona.

It was such a wonderful feeling to be together as a family in God's house of worship. It reminds you of how many things we take for granted in this life!

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