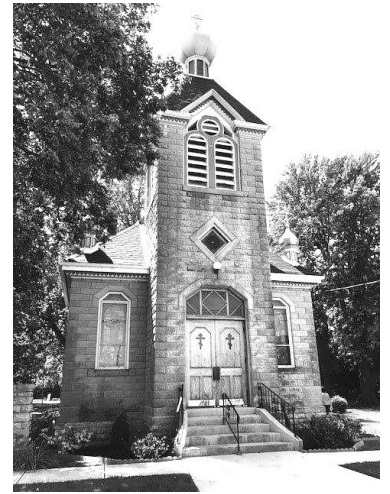


# HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

JANUARY 22, 2023



## JANUARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

**SATURDAY VESPERS,  
January 28, 4 PM**

## EPISTLE **1 Timothy 1:15-17** (*Epistle*)

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 18:35-43** (*Gospel*)

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him,

saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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Ed & Irene Vangeloff, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870

## 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 newborn Chloe

**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 baby Chloe

## VIGILS FOR JANUARY 15, 2023

**Basil Glovinsky (1)** In loving memory of Godmother, Helen Beadle

**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 Cathy Ullrich and Michael Dziak, Safe travels for Jake Muscaro and his family

**Sandy Martin (1)** Special intentions

**Ron and Roberta Royhab (2)** For the health and healing of Elaine Libb & Stacy Kaplan

**Natalie Twarek (6)** Safe travel for Jake and family, Health and recovery of Mimi, Health and recovery of Father David, Health and recovery of Irene, Don & Judy Kiser, 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, special intention

## **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)

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

The Support a Mission Priest Program (SAMP) of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) provides a subsidy to help mission priests share the Faith, care for their communities, and provide for their families. Holy Assumption is enrolled in this program and helps to support Father Frumentios Msuri Kweka in Tanzania; he serves the parish of Ss. Constantine and Helen in Arusha.

**It is interesting to note that Orthodoxy came to the people of East Africa, not through the efforts of a single missionary, but through charismatic African men searching for truth and "ortho doxia" in the early 1920s.** Correspondence began with the Patriarch of Alexandria, and in 1946, they were received into canonical Orthodoxy. In 1958 the Holy Synod appointed NICHOLAS (Valeropoulos) the first Metropolitan of All East Africa, and in 1972 three African priests were ordained to the rank of auxiliary bishop... (See bulletin board for more information.)

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE** January 15, Sunday Divine Liturgy, 21 attended

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

*From the Amvon of Father John Adamcio:*

## **Getting Ready For Our Spiritual Journey**

When a person decides to run a marathon (more than 26 miles), or to go on a trip, there is a time for preparation. One does not get up in the morning and hit the road running. They have to prepare by building up their stamina, taking short runs at first, and then slowly increasing the distance until they can run the full length of the marathon.

The same applies to a road trip or vacation. One has to make the proper hotel reservations, get their passports and visas ready. They have to plan to stop the mail, feed the cat, or do many other things before they venture out.

**This also applies to our spiritual life. In order to prepare ourselves for the great feast of Pascha, the Holy Orthodox Church gives us several “preparatory” Sundays.** We are familiar with “The Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee,” “The Sunday of the Prodigal Son,” etc. But there are actually several Sundays to prepare ourselves for the upcoming preparation!

Recently we celebrated the Nativity and Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as His Baptism in the Jordan. A few weeks ago, we heard about the beginning of our Lord’s public ministry hearing His first sermon: Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!

These are powerful words indeed!

It is important for us to take these precious words to heart, incorporating them into our daily lives. These words set before us an entirely new way of life. How different will our lives be if we keep this “sermon” fresh in our minds and hearts? It is a challenge, and command, by our Lord to actually change our lives.

**This is an appropriate time for us to reflect on this first sermon of Jesus Christ, as we are about to enter The Great Fast, “The School of Repentance” in just a few weeks.** It is a special time of year which gets us ready to celebrate the greatest day of the year, the Feast of Feasts, the Holy Day of Holy Days: Pascha!

In the coming weeks, we will hear several themes given to us in the Epistle and Gospel readings: perseverance, desire, humility, pride, judgement. These themes not only prepare us for the coming Fast and Pascha, but can help us change our very lives.

We will also have many opportunities to come to various liturgical services in the church which will enhance our spiritual journey. Let us open our minds and hearts to what will be presented to us in the coming days.

**We will be encouraged: to re-examine our lives, repent of our sinful thoughts and lives; read the Holy Bible and spiritual works; to forgive; to fast; to pray more often and fervently, both in our private and corporate prayers.** (Interestingly, there is even a fast free week thrown into the mix just to show us the way of a proper fast!).

To be sure, these are going to be exciting weeks ahead. Be open to what the Church teaches us, to what Holy Scripture gives us, listening to our hearts, guiding us to a better life with Jesus Christ.

## Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

Sunday, January 22, 2023



To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

My Beloved Children in the Lord,

From the earliest times, Christians have been at variance with the world because of their reverence toward sexuality, marriage, and human life at all its stages. In the post-apostolic Epistle to Diognetus, very possibly from the pen of St. Polycarp, the disciple of St. John the Theologian, we read that Christians ‘marry, as do all others; they beget children; but they do not destroy their offspring. They have a common table, but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh’ (ch. 5).

Rather than viewing pleasure and fleeting happiness as the supreme good, Christians know that virtue, a rightly-ordered relationship with God and the world which he created, is what leads up toward true goodness, which is God himself. Another word for this right relationship with the Creator is life.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God and incarnate Word came to tear down the dividing wall of hostility between God and man and restore us to our friendship with the Divinity, which friendship had eroded because of sin (Eph. 2:14). Thus he is revealed to be the Life and Light of the world (Jn. 8:12, 11:25, 14:6), the one in whom and through whom we enter into a rightly-ordered relationship with existence and the Source of existence, and who shows us what that relationship—virtue—is, and where it leads—eternal life, eternal relationship with the Lord and his saints.

Life, for Christians, means far more than biological life. And yet this deeper and broader conception of life should only increase our reverence for biological life. For, in Christ, we understand that every human being is created in the image of God, and that every human life is a free gift of the Father, from whom comes every good and perfect gift (Gen. 1:27, Jam. 1:17).

Thus, we understand that there is no opposition between reverence for life and true human flourishing. Or, to cast the matter more bluntly, we can never accept abortion and infanticide as a solution for other human ills. Rather, we must see the sins of abortion and infanticide as manifestations of the same evils that underlie other social injustices.

This year, Sanctity of Life Sunday has taken on a new meaning. The Supreme Court has undone, as far as lies in its power, the injustice wrought by its decision in the case of Roe v. Wade. But this means that our work in defense and promotion of life is only just beginning.

We know that, as soon as Christians gained a voice in the Roman Empire, they used that voice to speak against the enormities that the Empire committed against human dignity: slavery, gladiator and beast fights, and, yes, abortion and infanticide. As long as we Orthodox Christians have some voice in this pluralistic, democratic society, it is right that we use this voice to defend the weakest among us, including especially the unborn children who still lie under threat of legalized abortion in many jurisdictions.

But we must never, ever allow ourselves to become focused solely on political, and much less partisan and ideological, pursuits. Instead, the defense and promotion of life must start and end with our personal commitment: in our hearts, in our families, in our parishes, in our communities, with alms of time and treasure and talent and effort. With whatever resources God may give us, we must promote true human flourishing, starting with the right to life for all people, at all stages of life. And we must do what we can to orient our life toward God through virtuous living, encouraging the same in our brethren and neighbors wherever and however it is possible. In so doing, we might hope to attain to the everlasting life and bountifulness of the heavenly kingdom, where Christ the Lord reigns with his Father and his All-holy and life-giving Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

+TIKHON

Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

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