

**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church**  
*Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith*

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Diocese of the Midwest***

**AUGUST 24, 2025**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12**

Brethren: If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Whoever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless, we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.



**Beheading of St. John the Baptist**  
*Feast Day – August 29<sup>th</sup>*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord spoke this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So, his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So, when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So, My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON. Aug 25</b>	Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew; 2 Cor 5:10-15, Mk 1:9-15
<b>TUE. Aug 26</b>	Martyrs Adrian and Natalia; 2 Cor 5:15-21, Mk 1:16-22
<b>WED. Aug 27</b>	Venerable Pimen the Great; 2 Cor 6:11-16, Mk 1:23-28
<b>THU. Aug 28</b>	Saint Job of Pochaev; 2 Cor 7:1-10, Mk 1:29-35
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>VESPERS</b>
<b>FRI. Aug 29</b>	<b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist;</b> 2 Cor 7:10-16, Mk 2:18-22
<b>9:10 AM</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>DIVINE LITURGY</b>
<b>SAT. Aug 30</b>	Saint Alexander, John and Paul, Patriarchs of Constantinople; 1 Cor 1:26-29, Mt 20:29-34
	<b>NO VESPERS</b>
<b>SUN. Aug 31</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, <i>Tone 3</i></b>
<b>9:10 AM</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Social</b>



### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Bobbie Royhab**, 148 Cottage Cove Drive, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Patti Owens**, 311 Woodbridge Road Vermilion, OH 44089; **Basil Glovinsky**, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; **Irene Vangeloff**, 3580 Shaw Ave., Apt. 305, Cincinnati, OH 45208



## ATTENDANCE

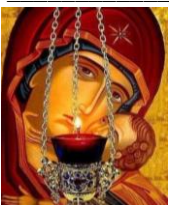
**08/16** Vespers, **17** attending (8 guests); **08/17** Divine Liturgy, **91** attending (73 guests) [ 41 people more than the previous year]

## PRAYER LIST

**Parishioners & Family:** Matushka Michelle / Alex and her newborn baby Cameron / Rachel and her unborn baby / Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Norb / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

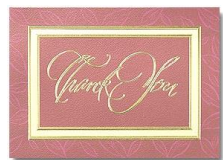
**Other Requests:** Suzeann / Laura Engler / Robin (Niece of Kathy Ruggles) / Matushka Marsha Mitchell / Valerie Schutt / Catechumen Sessely / Catechumen Daniel / Catechumen Adam / Ron Ossivicki / Kristy Ackley / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Don / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Sarah King / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Catechumen Nickolas Dawenport / Weston Dawenport / Gunner Dawenport / Jensen Dawenport / Adalyn Dawenport / Catechumen Joshua Paull / Catechumen Danielle Paull / Catechumen Wrenley Paull / Arimus Paull / Linkoln Paull / Catechumen Ryan Stamp / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Christine Zahm / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čížmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

**Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



## AUGUST REPOSED

Michael Onyock (1931) No date provided; Michael Hritsko (1934) No date provided; 7- Dorothy Romig (2017); **12-** Jim Mazur (2021); **13-** Andrew Millie (1958); **21-** Sophia Monak (2004); **23-** Martha Brooks (2010); **24-** Damien (cousin of Valerie S (2019)); **28-** Rev. Dr. William Walter Worstall (2011); **31-** Larry Noon (2014)



## THANK YOU, CARD, RECEIVED

Our parish received a Thank you card from Tina with the following text: *“Holy Assumption Family, I would like to thank Fr. Peter for officiating at my Father’s Funeral, for the members who attended and participated in the service. For all the prayers and the beautiful flowers. Love, Tina.”* Please see the card on the bulletin board.



## AUGUST CANDLE SPONSORS

**Altar Candles:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of LaVerne Schutt & Violet Bargdill (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Dorothy Czuha (August 23, 2009); Natalie Twarek, In loving memory of mom and in thanksgiving (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Howard Bailey, Damian Bailey, Sophia Grgich (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Matt and birthday memory of my dad Steven (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God’s Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš (**\$20**)



## VIGILS FOR AUG 17

**Laura Kovach 3** For health and/or healing of Debbie F., Joe H., Bobbie R., Kristi A., Peggy S., Ann T., Alex M., Nick S., Mike T., Matushka Melania, Ron R., Betty K., Margaret M., Hannah S., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Irene V, and Heidi & Wayne G., Memory eternal to Earl Rindfleisch, Special intentions

**Dennis Lapso 4** For blessed repose of Annette Lapso, Vera Bortrizk, Prof John & Caroline Ressetar

**Sandy Martin 1** Special Intentions

**Natalie Twarek 9** Memory Eternal for Tina's dad, Earl, For the health of Nikki, For the health and recovery of Linda Millinger and Laura Engler, For the health Ron & Bobbie, For the health & recovery of Matushka Melania, For the health and recovery of Marilyn, Tom, Kathy & Cliff, Basil, Irene, Rodney, Betty, Carol, Kayla, Pam, Jim, Heidi, Wayne, Nicole, Peggy, Ann, Mike, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara, and Walter, For the health of Nick, Jen, Tony, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Special intentions



## READERS LIST

Sunday Aug 24 – Joe  
Sunday Aug 31 – Tim  
Sunday Sept 7 – Jake



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**28** – Arimus Paull \*; **31** – Danielle Paull



## SUNDAY OFFERING

### Sunday, Aug 17, 2025

Tithe	\$ 887.00
Donations	\$ 957.00
Candles	\$ 214.00
Vigils	\$ 65.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,123.00</b>

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



## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“St. Herman's Seminary” is the charity we donate to for the month of August.

## UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** – Baking Day 8:00 am (*Monday*)

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** – Market Day 8:00 am (*Saturday*)

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>** – Church New Year (*Monday*)

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>** – Baptism and reception to the church of catechumens (*Sunday*)

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** – Market Day 8:00 am (*Saturday*)

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** – Exaltation of the Precious Cross (*Sunday*)





## COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

Aug 24 - Natalie  
 Aug 31 - Dannielle & Josh  
 Sept 7 - Parish

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall.



## HALUPKI FESTIVAL – THANK YOU!

We wish to express our sincere thanks and to our Festival Co-chairman Natalie and Laura, our Head Baker Tina and our Baker Greg, all Volunteers both Parishioners and non-Parishioners for your hard work, time and talent which helped to make this year's 68<sup>th</sup> Halupki Festival in Marblehead a great success! It is impossible to mention everyone by name. So, if you volunteered, then we most certainly appreciate your hard work! Thanks to all who came out in support of our Halupki Festival. Your patronage and good will are very much appreciated. May the Lord Bless each and every one of you and may He continue to shine His graces upon our Parish of Holy Assumption!



## THANK YOU, NOTE, RECEIVED

Our parish received a Thank you note from Sherry Cheek. The Note reads as follows: *“Thank you for the people at the church for helping me. Sorry I put a little commotion on Sunday’s Special Day. Thank you for calling the Ambulance. I am doing fine. Just over heated and old age. Sincerely Sherry Cheek and my daughter Cary Feaser.”* Please see the note on the bulletin board.



## MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place next Saturday, **Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



## CLEANING SCHEDULE

Aug 25, Laura  
 Sept 1, Jean  
 Sept 8, Laura  
 Sept 15, Stephanie



## SUMMIT ON AGING – FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION & SCAMS

Senior citizens and those who interact with senior citizens are invited to a workshop sponsored by Ottawa County Task Force on Aging to equip them with the knowledge and tools required to recognize and avoid scams that can threaten your financial security. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at St. John’s Lutheran Church at 122 W. Ottawa St., Oak Harbor, OH 43449. Registration and Refreshments at 8:30 AM. Program starts at 9:00 am – Noon. RSVP to 567-262-3172 or <https://tinyurl.com/SummitOA2025>. \$5.00 suggested donation, but not required. There will be Raffle baskets, so bring extra cash. Please see the flyer on our bulletin board.



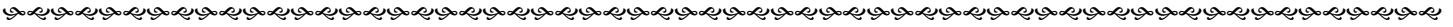
## Hieromartyr Eutyches, disciple of Saint John the Theologian

Commemorated on August 24

The Hieromartyr Eutyches, a disciple of the holy Apostles John the Theologian and Paul, lived from the first century into the beginning of the second century, and was from the Palestinian city of Sebastea.

Although Saint Eutyches is not one of the 70 Apostles, he is called an Apostle because of his labors with the older Apostles, by whom he was made bishop. After hearing about Christ the Savior, Saint Eutyches first became a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian. Later he met the Apostle Paul, and preached together with him on the early journeys.

Saint Eutyches underwent many sufferings: they starved him with hunger, beat him with iron rods, they threw him into the fire, and then to be devoured by wild beasts. Once, a lion was let loose upon the saint, which astonished everyone because it praised the Creator with a human voice. The hieromartyr Eutyches completed his labors in his native city, where he was beheaded with a sword at the beginning of the second century.



## **A Sin That Will Never Be Forgiven**

**By Reader John Malov**

Is there a sin that the all-merciful God will never forgive? The answer is yes. However, not everything is as simple as it looks.

“Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in

this age or in the age to come” (Mt 12:31-32).

This is what Christ answered to the Pharisees, who accused Him of connections with the devil. The state of their souls made it impossible for them to believe in God Who became man. Therefore, the only explanation for the miraculous healings of demon-possessed people that Pharisees could think of was witchcraft. Athanasius the Great wrote that it was pardonable for all Jews to deny the divine nature of Christ, since in these days, the ministry of Christ was only beginning.

A modern person is unlikely to accuse the Savior of making any deals with demons. This does not mean however that the warning about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit does not apply to modern man. Every word of Christ is as relevant now as it was two thousand years ago.

By accusing the Savior of using demonic power, the Pharisees were deceiving themselves. Before Christ, no one could heal a leper or restore sight to a blind man. As for the resurrection from the dead, it was an unheard-of miracle that even those who had faith in the Savior could not believe it. “Lord! Lazarus, my brother, has been buried for four days. He is decomposing; a rotten smell is coming from his corpse.” said Maria.

John Chrysostom, interpreting Matt. 12:31-32, calls the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit a shameless denial of the obvious truth. One way or another, the fact that the above miracles could be performed only by Divine power was clear to everyone. The false words of the Pharisees perfectly illustrate this interpretation.

This kind of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is a sin that many of us have a hand in. The apostle John in his definition of the rejection of truth refers to Satan, who did not follow God’s plan, as to “not standing in the truth” (John 8:44). Instead of a bright angel, Satan became the prince of darkness. God’s plan about how man should act resides in our conscience. Therefore, anyone acting against his conscience rejects the obvious truth, that is, blasphemes the Holy Spirit. “Untruth increases a hundredfold when someone does wrong, while his mind and conscience denounce him, opposing his actions. This is the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, to which the Lord gave a frightening definition, stating that it ‘will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.’” writes Theophan the Recluse in his interpretation of St Paul’s Epistle to the Romans.

Why cannot God, Who possesses the fullness of all blessings, forgive something to a spiritually weak person? Wouldn't repentance work in this case? This idea of God is completely contrary to the gospel story. Christ, who died for humankind, cannot be merciless towards a sinner asking for mercy. After all, even at the moment of the betrayal of Judas Iscariot, the Lord calls him His friend. St Athanasius the Great explains this contradiction in the following way: "It should be noted that Christ did not say that blasphemy will not be forgiven to one who blasphemes and repents, but merely to one who blasphemes, that is, one who perseveres in his blasphemy. This is so, because due repentance resolves all sins" (Talks on the Gospel of Matthew). God does not forgive blasphemy against the Holy Spirit only when a person stubbornly and consciously rejects forgiveness.

The Pharisees, who were experts in the Scriptures and the Law, had to know that nothing good could possibly come from Satan. Despite this, they stubbornly rejected the benevolence of Christ. Such behavior leads a person to dependence on sin, making repentance impossible. The Pharisees went so far as to crucify the Lord.

One more question may arise when reading the passage under discussion: "How can the responsibility for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit be higher than the responsibility for blasphemy against the Son?" According to the teaching of the Church, God is one in three persons. This means that there is one and only God, known in three equal hypostases. These hypostases neither merge with, nor separate from one another, remaining a single Being. To explain this, the holy fathers introduced several analogies with the material world, e.g. the sun with its circle, light and heat, or a brook with its source of water in the ground, a spring and a stream. In light of this, the exaltation of the Spirit or the humiliation of the Son is heresy, which cannot possibly be applied to Christ.

St Athanasius explains this contradiction as follows: when Christ says, "Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven," He means His human nature. The unforgivable blasphemy concerns the divinity of Christ. Saying "the Holy Spirit", the Savior points to His Divinity, distinguishing Him from the body.

Blasphemy against the Spirit, which is not forgiven "either in this age or in the age to come", is a reproach to the Divinity of Christ and an insult to God. A person blasphemes against the Spirit when he goes against the Divine will. This is nothing other than conscience, wisely ingrained in every person's soul. If you constantly silence the voice of your conscience, it will cease forever, making repentance (and consequently forgiveness) impossible. "When thinking over your actions, use your conscience instead of a lamp; it shows you which deeds in your life are good and which are bad" – St Nilus of Sinai.

