

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



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Diocese of the Midwest*

AUGUST 20, 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 23

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SATURDAY – AUGUST 26

Vladimir Icon

VESPERS, 4:00 PM

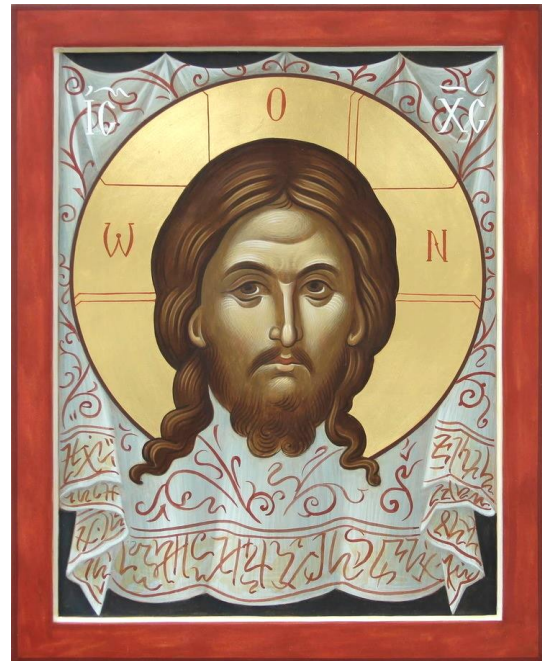
SUNDAY – AUGUST 27

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ven. Pimen the Great

9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM

DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour



*Image of Christ "Not made by hands"
Feast Day – August 16th*

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.

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.”



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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



AUGUST CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: In memory of LaVerne Schutt & Violet Bargdill (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** In memory of Dorothy Czuhra (August 23) (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** 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 (**\$15**); **Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (**\$15**)



VIGILS FOR AUGUST 13

Susan Guzy 2 For health of Basil, Barbara and Gary, Safe travel for brother Gary. Special intentions

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Dave M., Nick S., Barbara D., Pauline O., George K., Joe H., Margi H., Basil G., Kathie J., Roger P., Diane T., Robin C., Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D. Birthday blessings to Matthew.

Memory eternal to Mike Pepon

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Natalie Twarek 8 In memory of Mike Pepon, For the health and recovery of Barbara, Health and recovery of Basil, Health and recovery of Don Kiser, Health and recovery Roger, Carol, Tony, Irene, Father David, Diane, Marilyn, Pauline, Sandy, Judy, Mimi, For the health of Mike, Tina, Ed, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie, Health of 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



AUGUST REPOSED

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)

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: 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:** 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 / Tamman Haddad. **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military

PRAYER LIST – UPDATE

We would like to kindly ask you to help us update our Prayer List. Please let us know if some names can be taken off the list, and if you have new names that should be added. Call, text, or email Fr. Peter. Thank you in advance!

ATTENDANCE



8/12 Vespers, 6 attending; 8/13 Divine Liturgy, 25 attending (7 guests); 8/14 Vespers, 13 attending (1 guest); 8/15 Divine Liturgy 26 attending (5 guests)

READERS LIST



Sunday Aug 20 – Joe
Sunday Aug 27 – Tim
Sunday Sept 3 – Ron
Sunday Sept 10 – Natalie



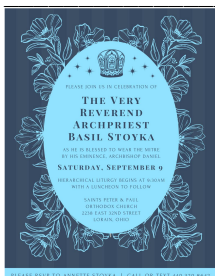
CHARITY OF THE MONTH

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



THE SERVANT OF GOD IS BAPTISED

Caleb Kokensparger, five months, son of Natalie and Cory Kokensparger, was Baptized into Christ and received Chrismation at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Lorain on August 12. Caleb is the first grandchild of Kathy and Sam Jacob; Kathy is our guest choir director today.



INVITATION, CEREMONY FOR FR. BASIL STOYKA

You are invited to the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy which will be celebrated by **His Eminence Archbishop Daniel** at Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Lorain, OH with the beginning at **9:30 AM** on **Saturday, September 9, 2023**. During the Divine Liturgy the **Very Reverend Archpriest Basil Stoyka** will be blessed to wear a Miter. The Luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy. Please see the flyer in the vestibule.



FOCA - FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Ohio District of the FOCA is sponsoring its First Annual Family Festival **Saturday August 26, 2023** at **St. Nicholas in Mogadore**. The event will begin with **vespers** at **6:00pm** followed by a **cookout and a drive-in movie**. All are invited and encouraged to join in the fellowship. For more information see the flyer in the vestibule.



2023 LIFE CONFERENCE

The 2023 Life Conference will take place on September 30, 2023 at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Hall. For more information, please see the flyer in this bulletin and the schedule and speakers bios on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.



AFTER FESTIVAL CLEANUP – HELP NEEDED!

We would like to kindly ask everyone to stay little bit longer after the festival is over and help us to clean up. We will meet again on Monday and Tuesday at 9 AM to clean the grounds and put everything away and store it for the next year. Thank you in advance for your help!



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place on **Saturday, September 9th** 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!



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Tithe	\$1,083.00
Candles	\$ 44.00
Vigils	\$ 90.00
Donations	\$ 68.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 300.00
St. Tikhon's Icon	\$ 15.00
Bookstore	\$ 44.00
Total:	\$1,644.00

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



CLEANING SCHEDULE

Aug 21, Stephanie
Aug 28, Laura
Sept 4, Sandy
Sept 11, Laura



HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH - 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our 125th Anniversary Celebration which will take place on **Saturday, September 23rd** with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy to be celebrated at 10:00 am by **His Eminence, The Most Reverend Daniel**, Archbishop of Chicago, and the Midwest.

Please Note: Laura is seeking any old photographs you have of our church, groups of people at the church, or events at the church to be published in our 125th anniversary commemorative booklet. She promises to scan them and return them to you right away so your precious photographs are not lost or misplaced. Thank you!

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



- Aug. 21st** After Festival Cleaning 9 AM
- Aug. 22nd** After Festival Cleaning 9 AM
- Aug. 29th** Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- Sept. 1st** New Liturgical Year
- Sept. 8th** Nativity of the Theotokos
- Sept. 9th** Market Day at 8 AM
- Sept. 14th** Exaltation of the Precious Cross
- Sept. 23th** 125th Anniversary Celebration
- Sept. 30th** Market Day at 8 AM
- Consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy

- OBSERVE THE DIFFERENCE

Observe the difference between the presence of the life-giving spirit and the presence of the spirit that deadens and destroys your soul.

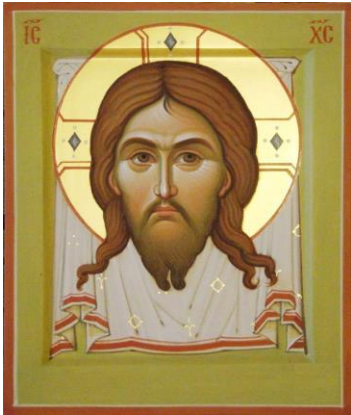
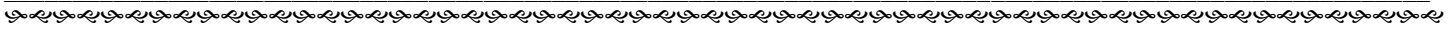
When there are good thoughts in your soul you feel happy and at ease; when peace and joy are in your heart, then the spirit of good, the Holy Ghost, is within you; whilst when evil thoughts or evil motions of the heart arise within you, you feel ill at ease and oppressed; when you are inwardly troubled, then the spirit of evil, the crafty spirit, is within you.

The evil spirit is a spirit of doubt, unbelief, of passions, oppression, grief, and disturbance; whilst the spirit of good is one of undoubting faith, of virtue, of spiritual freedom and breadth, a spirit of peace and joy.

Know by these tokens when the Spirit of God is within you, and when the spirit of evil, and, as often as possible, raise your grateful heart to the most Holy Spirit that gives you life and light, and flee with all your power from doubt, unbelief, and the passions through which the evil serpent, the thief and destroyer of our souls, creeps in. — Holy Righteous John of Kronstadt

- A psalm is a city of refuge from the demons; a means of inducing help from the angels, a weapon in fears by night, a rest from the toils of the day, a safeguard for infants, an adornment for those at the height of their vigor, a consolation for the elders, a most fitting ornament for women. It peoples the solitudes; it rids the market places of excesses; it is the elementary exposition of beginners, the improvement of those advancing, the solid support of the perfect, the voice of the Church. It brightens feast day; it creates a sorrow which is in accordance with God. For, a psalm calls forth a tear even from a heart of stone. A psalm is the work of angels, a heavenly institution, the spiritual incense. — St. Basil the Great

- We must think of what we sing rather than allow our mind, seized by extraneous thoughts as is often the case, to lose the fruit of our labor. One must sing with a manner and melody befitting holy religion; it must not proclaim theatrical distress but rather exhibit Christian simplicity in its very musical movement; it must not remind one of anything theatrical, but rather create compunction in the listeners. — St. Niceta of Remesiana



Translation of the Image “Not-Made-By-Hands” of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople, the Third “Feast of the Savior in August”

Commemorated on August 16

The Transfer of the Icon of our Lord Jesus Christ Not-Made-by-Hands from Edessa to Constantinople occurred in the year 944. Eusebius, in his *History of the Church* (I:13), relates that when the Savior was preaching, Abgar was the ruler of Edessa. He was stricken with leprosy all over his body. Reports of the great miracles performed by the Lord spread throughout Syria (Mt.4:24) and even reached Abgar. Without having seen the Savior, Abgar believed in Him as the Son of God. He wrote a letter requesting Him to come and heal him. He sent his own portrait painter Ananias to Palestine with this letter, and commissioned him to paint a likeness of the Divine Teacher.

Ananias arrived in Jerusalem and saw the Lord surrounded by many people. He was not able to get close to Him because of the large crowd which had gathered to hear the Savior. Then he stood on a high rock and tried to paint Christ's portrait from afar, but this attempt did not succeed. Then the Savior saw him, called him by name, and gave him a short letter for Abgar in which He praised the ruler's faith. He also promised to send His disciple to heal him of his leprosy and guide him to salvation.

Then the Lord asked for some water and a cloth to be brought to Him. After washing His Face, He dried it with the cloth, and His Divine countenance was imprinted upon it. Ananias brought the cloth and the Savior's letter to Edessa. Reverently, Abgar pressed the holy object to his face and received partial healing. Only a small trace of the terrible affliction remained until the arrival of the disciple promised by the Lord. This was Saint Thaddeus, an Apostle of the Seventy (August 21), who preached the Gospel and baptized Abgar and all the people of Edessa. Abgar attached the Holy Napkin to a board and placed it in a gold frame adorned with pearls. Then he placed it in a niche above the city gates. On the gateway over the Icon he inscribed the words, “O Christ God, let no one who hopes on Thee be put to shame.”

For many years the inhabitants had the pious custom of bowing down before the Icon whenever they went forth from the gates. Later, one of Abgar's great-grandsons, who ruled Edessa, fell into idolatry, and decided to remove the Icon from the city wall and to replace it with an idol. In a vision the Lord

ordered the Bishop of Edessa to hide His Icon. The bishop came by night with his clergy, lit a lampada before the Icon, and placed a ceramic tile in front of the Icon to protect it, and then he sealed the niche with bricks.

As time passed, the people forgot about the Icon. But in the year 545, when the Persian emperor Chozroes I besieged Edessa and the city's position seemed hopeless, the Most Holy Theotokos appeared to Bishop Eulabios and ordered him to remove the Icon from the sealed niche, saying that it would save the city from the enemy. When he opened the niche, the bishop found the Holy Mandyllion, and the lampada was still burning before the Icon, and an exact copy was produced upon the tile protecting the Icon.

The Persians lit a huge fire outside the city walls. Bishop Eulabios carried the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands around the city walls, and a violent wind turned the flames back on the Persians. The defeated Persian army retreated from the city.

In his *Church History*, the sixth century writer Evagrius Scholastikos refers to the Holy Mandyllion (or Napkin) as The Icon made by God (Ἡ θεοτεῦκος εἰκὼν).

In the year 630 Arabs seized Edessa, but they did not hinder the veneration of the Holy Napkin, the fame of which had spread throughout the entire East. In the year 944, the emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitos (912-959) wanted to transfer the Icon to Constantinople, so he paid a ransom to the emir of the city for it. With great reverence the Icon of the Savior Not-Made-by-Hands and the letter which He had written to Abgar, were brought to Constantinople by clergy.

On August 16, the icon of the Savior was placed in the Pharos church of the Most Holy Theotokos. There are several traditions concerning what happened later to the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands. According to one, Crusaders stole it during occupation of Constantinople (1204-1261), but the ship on which the sacred object was taken, perished in the waters of the Sea of Marmora.

According to another tradition, the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands was transported to Genoa in 1362, where it is preserved in a monastery dedicated to the Apostle Bartholomew. It is known that the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands repeatedly produced exact copies of itself. One of these, named "On the tile," was made when Ananias hid the Icon in the wall on his way to Edessa. Another, imprinted on a cloak, wound up in Georgia. Possibly, the various traditions about the original Icon is explained by the existence of several exact copies.

During the time of the Iconoclast heresy, the defenders of the holy icons, who shed their blood for them, sang the Troparion to the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands. In proof of the validity of venerating icons, Pope Gregory II (715-731) sent a letter to the Byzantine Emperor, in which he mentioned Abgar's healing, and the sojourn of the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands at Edessa as a commonly known fact.

The Icon Not-Made-by-Hands was put on the standards of the Russian army, in order to protect them from the enemy. In the Russian Orthodox Church it is a pious custom for a believer to read the Troparion for the Icon of the Savior Not-Made-by-Hands when entering the temple, together with other prayers.

According to the Prologue, there are four known Icons of the Savior Not-Made-by-Hands:

1. Abgar's original Icon at Edessa (August 16).
2. The one at Kamuliana (Καμουλιανὰ), which is mentioned by Saint Gregory of Nyssa (January 10).

3. According to Saint Nikódēmos of the Holy Mountain (July 14), the Kamuliana Icon appeared in the year 392, but it resembled an icon of the Mother of God (August 9).
4. During the reign of Emperor Tiberius (578-582), Saint Mary Synklitike (August 11) was healed by the Icon on the tile (August 16).

The Feast of the Transfer of the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands is observed along with the Afterfeast of the Dormition. The commemoration of the third Icon Not-Made-by-Hands mentioned above is called the “The Savior on Linen Cloth.”

The particular reverence for this Feast in the Russian Orthodox Church is also expressed in iconography, and the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands was one of the most widely distributed.



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF

**THE VERY
REVEREND
ARCHPRIEST
BASIL STOYKA**

AS HE IS BLESSED TO WEAR THE MITRE
BY HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP DANIEL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

HIERARCHICAL LITURGY BEGINS AT 9:30AM
WITH A LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

SAINTS PETER & PAUL
ORTHODOX CHURCH
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LORAIN, OHIO

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