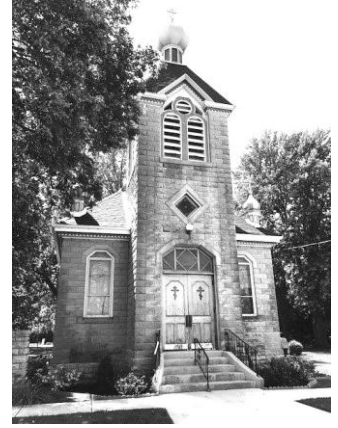


HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

DECEMBER 11, 2022



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, December 11,
9:10 AM HOURS / DIVINE
LITURGY / SOCIAL HOUR**

**SATURDAY, December 17,
4 PM VESPERS followed by
Confession**

**V. Rev. John Adamcio of
Lorain will be serving**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:16-24

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'

But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'

Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

So that servant came and reported these things to his master.

Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'

And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'

Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.' For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN ADAMCIO

Dear Ones,

It is a joy to be with you for a while! Hopefully I will be contributing to the Newsletter/Bulletin. If there are any questions you may have, or topics you wish discussed, please let me know and we can address them.

Depending on the scheduling of Vespers, I will be available for Confession, should you desire. Ideally, we should be able to do this around Vespers. Confession before Liturgy is problematic, as it may delay the beginning of the Liturgy. So we'll work this out.

We look forward to celebrating the Divine Services, especially for the Nativity and Theophany.

Please keep us in your prayers!

In Christ,

Fr. John

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804

Joe & Sonya Rose, 4351 East Norma Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452

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 / Elaine Libb / Helen Lis / David Mazurik / Mark Mazurik / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / Joe Rose / Sonya Rose / Ron 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 unborn child / Gleice & her unborn child / Trisha Monschein & her newborn Zackary

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

VIGILS FOR 12-4-22

Tamara Blackford: (1) In memory of Rob

Susan Guzy: (5) Birthday blessing, peace, and good health to brother Gary

Laura Kovach: (4) For health of Irene, Margi, Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie & Molly K., Joe R., Pete R., Sharon D., Sonya, Paul E., John D., Karen D., David W., and Chuck W; Birthday blessings to Ben.

Sandy Martin: (1) special intentions

Ron & Roberta Royhab: (2) For health and healing of Stacy Kaplan, Roberta's niece; special intentions

Natalie Twarek: (6) Health and recovery of Irene, Health and recovery of Don Kiser, God's blessing for the health of Nikki and unborn baby, For the health and recovery of Valerie, Ed, Ron, Mark, Carole, Gary, Sharon and Charlie, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Dottie, Joe, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Katie, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions

DECEMBER CANDLE & NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN SPONSORS

Altar Candles: (\$50) Available

Bulletin: (\$50) Available

Chandelier: (\$50) From Ron and Roberta in memory of parents Halim, Elizabeth, Emerson, and Thalia; Roberta's brothers David, Randy, and Bill; brothers in law William and Chuck; sister in law Eileen

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

Candles at the Cross: (\$15) From Laura for birthday blessings to Ben

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

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: 2-Kira Weisend; 8- Joe Rose; 11-Tina Rindfleisch; 11-Emmelyn Monschein; 12-Rowan Issler; 13-Gabe Mazurik; 17-Tim Heffernan; 23-Teri Cassell; 23-Sean Williams; 25-Darlene Mazurik; 28-Carol Mazurik **Anniversaries:** 21-Ed & Irene Vangeloff; 27-James & Lauren Jerome; 31 Justin & Jessica Issler; 31-Fred & Christi Soski

DECEMBER REPOSED

1-Helen Elchisco (1990); 3-Mary Hubicki (2013); 8-Mary (Marika) Lefas (2019); 12-Anna Bretz (2002); 13-Joseph Mazurik (1986); 13-Archimandrite Seraphim Oblivantseff (1954) Former Pastor; 15-Michael W. Belenky (1971); 20-Julia Brosojah Millie (1953); 20-John Mazurik (2017); 20-William Pipenur (2003); 21-Mary Sennich (1985); 22-Antonima Vecsey (1972); 23-Steven Danchisen (1982);

24-Alexandra Turkul (1980); 24-John Bird No year Provided; 29-Alexandra Dotsenko (1980); 30-Rita Felenchak (1996); 31-Jevgeny Cernonok (1980); 31-Janice Timko (2021)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fred and Teri Cassell announce the birth of their newest grandson Zackary Frederick, born December 7 to daughter and son in law, Trisha and Jason Monschein. Congratulations and Many Years to all the family! Zackary joins an older sister and two older brothers.

HOLY ASSUMPTION BOOKSTORE/GIFT SHOP



Shop today for a perfect gift for someone or some family! Shown at left is the newly reproduced tree ornament “The Nativity of our Lord” from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. It is of the icon above the place where our

Lord Jesus was born! Also available from our bookstore is this same icon in three sizes, and from this collection there is an ornament of the Gifts of the Magi (from Italian painter Giotto). Also available to purchase are several tree ornaments from Ukraine. And check out other items for sale!

DECEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our designated charity for the month of December is Bistro 163, a pay it forward restaurant located at the Sutton Center, 1848 East Perry Street, Suite 10, Port Clinton, OH. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm.; it will be closed December 24 to January 2, reopening January 3.

OTTAWA COUNTY BUREAU

Danbury Unit will be helping those in need in our Community. Vouchers will be issued instead of distributing boxes of food. To help with these expenses please send financial support with a check made out to Danbury Holiday Bureau and mailed to 4941 East Harbor Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

DECEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of December 11, Bill & Tim; Week of December 18, Laura; Week of December 25, Susan

POINSETTIA SALE

Forms to donate poinsettia plants (\$20 each) for the church are available in the narthex.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

December 4, 2002, Sunday Divine Liturgy, 18 attended

From the Amvon/ Pulpit of Father John Adamcio:

A Christmas Carol?

During this Nativity Fast, we are preparing ourselves to celebrate the Incarnation, the Nativity in the Flesh, of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do this by fasting, increasing our prayer life, and attending as many of the liturgical services as are offered, and we are able to attend. One of the ways we prepare is by going to receive the Mystery of Repentance: Reconciliation, Confession.

Strangely enough, we have an excellent “icon” of repentance given to us during the Christmas season. Even though we may not realize it at first, if we think about it, this is a very profound story.

Charles Dickens wrote his immortal A Christmas Carol in 1843 in an effort to show Victorian society the great disparity between the rich, the well-off, and the poor, the working poor. He deftly paints a word picture of these differences with which we are all familiar. Who cannot forget Ebenezer Scrooge; the ghosts of Christmases past, present, and future; and especially Tiny Tim. The various theatrical versions are a wonderful story of the Christmas season.

However, there is one overriding theme that perhaps is overlooked: repentance! The story ultimately revolves around Scrooge's interactions with the three ghosts, and how he changes after these encounters.

This can be viewed as a spiritual odyssey in which after painful reflections of his own life, Scrooge comes to accept his sinful actions and relationships. His greed, avarice, and contempt for his fellow human beings now become apparent, which causes him to change his life completely. This is a wonderful definition of what actual repentance is: changing course, a life, 180 degrees. Not only does he do this with a full heart, but he also becomes an example for others to emulate. As Dickens put it, Scrooge was better than his word, and became a legend of generosity and good will!

The Nativity Fast is an opportunity for us to come to Confession, and imbue ourselves in this spirit of repentance, of changing our lives. We have a wonderful example of total love as the Second Person of the Holy Trinity becomes a little baby, Who would grow and mature into the Saviour, taking upon Himself the sins of the world, dying on the Cross, and Resurrecting Himself so that we may receive forgiveness, and gain eternal life with Him in Heaven.

Therefore, let us take this opportunity to come to Confession, confessing our sins to our Lord, and receiving His forgiveness. Let us partake of the Holy Eucharist, which nourishes our soul. Let us truly repent – change our lives – offering to our Lord a renewed love for Him, and each other.

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MARY (Article from *THE ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE*)

For two thousand years the Church has preserved the memory of the Virgin Mary as the prototype of all Christians—the model of what we are to become in Christ. Mary was truly pure and unconditionally obedient to God.

The tradition of the Church holds that Mary remained a virgin all her life (see note on Matt. 12:46-50). While lifelong celibacy is not a model for all Christians to follow, Mary's spiritual purity, her wholehearted devotion to God, is certainly to be emulated.

Mary is also our model in that she was the first person to receive Jesus Christ. As Mary bore Christ in her womb physically, all Christians now have the privilege of bearing God within them spiritually. By God's grace and mercy we are purified and empowered to become like Him.

The honor we give to Mary also signifies our view of who Jesus is. From early times the Church has called her Mother of God (Gr. Theotokos, lit. God-bearer), a title which implies that her Son is both fully man and fully God. As His mother, Mary was the source of Jesus' human nature; yet, the One she bore in her womb was also the eternal God.

Therefore, because of her character and especially because of her role in God's plan of salvation, Christians appropriately honor Mary as the first among the saints. The archangel Gabriel initiated this honor in his address to her: "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" (Luke 1:28). This salutation clearly indicates that God Himself had chosen to honor Mary.

Her favored status was confirmed when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was then six months pregnant with John the Baptist. Elizabeth greeted Mary with these words: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42, 43). And Mary herself, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, predicted the honor that would be paid her throughout history: "For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed" (Luke: 1"48).

In obedience to God's clear intention, therefore, the Orthodox Church honors Mary in icons, hymns, and special feast days.

We entreat her, as the human being who was most intimate with Christ on earth, to intercede with her Son on our behalf. We ask her, as the first believer and the mother of the Church, for guidance and protection. We venerate her—but we do not worship her, for worship belongs to God alone.