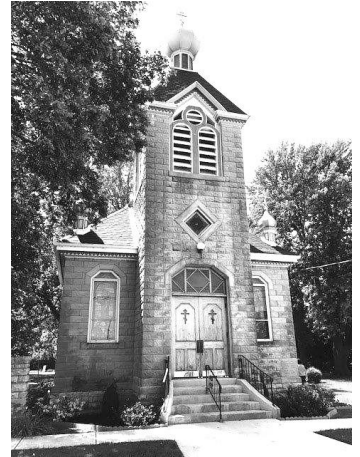


# HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

DECEMBER 18, 2022



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, December 18,  
9:10 AM HOURS / DIVINE  
LITURGY / SOCIAL HOUR**

**SUNDAY, NATIVITY OF OUR  
LORD, December 25, 9:10 AM  
HOURS / DIVINE LITURGY /  
SOCIAL HOUR**

**V. Rev. John Adamcio will serve**

## EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"

concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented –

of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

## **GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 1:1-25 (*Gospel, Sunday Before*)**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.

Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.

Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.

Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.

Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah.

Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.

Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.

Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.

Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.

Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.

Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,

and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us.'"

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and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

## **Ss. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH PLANS CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

The service of Great Vespers with Litya (festal hymns, and prayers) will be held at 4 PM on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at Ss. Peter and Paul, located at 2238 East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street in Lorain. There are no December 24<sup>th</sup> services at Holy Assumption.

## **FATHER JOHN ADAMCIO IS AVAILABLE AT 773-939-0549**

### **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 / 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 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 12-11-22

**Laura Kovach** (2) 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. Safe travel for family and friends.

**Sandy Martin** (1) special intentions

**Diane Tryon** (4) Birthday blessings to Mary Jean, Birthday memory of grandma Benya 12/7, Anniversary Blessings to Ed and Irene 12/21, Anniversary blessings to Kathryn & Greg 12/18

**Natalie Twarek** (7) God's blessings on newborn Zackary (Fred & Teri's grandson), Safe travel for Laura, Jim and family, 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

## 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

## HAPPY 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO ED AND IRENE!



**The early celebration of Ed and Irene Vangeloff's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was a joyous occasion, held November 13 at Holy Assumption! Father Andrew blessed the couple following Divine Liturgy, parishioners celebrated the couple with a luncheon, cake, and gift of an icon, and Ed gave a special speech. Their blessed event/wedding took place December 21, 1952!**



## CONGRATULATIONS QUINCY!



**On December 10<sup>th</sup> Quincy Kowal graduated from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in Marketing and Communications. Quincy worked throughout his time at BGSU, in the Student Recreation Center and the Field House. During his senior year, he held two internships in marketing, and leading up to that, interned with Cedar Point in Marketing/ Events Management.**

**During his junior and senior years, he was part of the BGSU Men's Rugby team, which took the MAC Championship in 2022 and were runners up in 2023.**

**Quincy is working at the Fastenal Company in Maumee and continues to build his experience in marketing.**

## 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-Sтивен Danchisen (1982); 4-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)4-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)

## OUR CHARITY OF THE MONTH BISTRO 163 SERVES FREE DINNERS

**Tomorrow, Monday/December 19, The Bistro will serve a holiday Free Community Dinner, take-out style from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the side door of the building at 1848 East Perry St., Port Clinton. Come and pick up delicious homemade dinners and/or surprise a shut-in for Christmas! Staff and volunteers will prepare a baked ham dinner, and Dan's pecan bars for dessert.**



**OTTAWA COUNTY BUREAU** There is no Danbury Food Pantry distribution in December. Instead the Ottawa County Holiday Bureau-Danbury Unit will be distributing to those in need, vouchers to help with their needs. To help support this project, please make a check out to Danbury Holiday Bureau and mail to 4941 East Harbor Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

**HOLY ASSUMPTION BOOKSTORE** The ornament “The Nativity of our Lord”, from an icon at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, is for sale; it is also available as an icon.

**CLEANING SCHEDULE** Week of December 18, Laura; Week of December 25, Susan

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE** December 11, 2002, Sunday Divine Liturgy, 18 attended

**From the Amvon/Pulpit of Father John Adamcio:**

### ***The Winter Pascha***

**Today we continue our journey to Bethlehem** to worship the Second Person of the Holy Trinity as He becomes incarnate through the Most Holy Theotokos, the Ever-virgin Mary. But, we begin a new chapter in our liturgical worship: we sing the hymns of the Prefeast.

Writing in his exemplary book *The Winter Pascha*, Fr. Thomas Hopko makes the case for comparing the Nativity of Christ to Pascha itself. While this may seem a bit of a stretch, if we think and pray about it, there is a definite connection between the two. Fr. Thomas writes: “The Lord’s birth and baptism are directly connected to His dying and rising. He was born in order to die...the harmony between the events is overwhelming...Jesus lay as an infant in the cavern in the reign of Caesar Augustus that He might lay in the tomb under Pontius Pilate. He was hounded by Herod that He might be caught by Caiaphas...He was worshiped by wise men that the whole of creation might adore Him in His triumph over death.”

This takes the Feast of the Nativity out of the modern, secular celebration of this day (which sometimes seems to infect our own understanding of the importance of the day), replete with parties, gift giving, and sumptuous dinners, and places it in its proper perspective.

The texts sung at Vespers and Matins from this time until the Feast itself will now include verses of the Prefeast, elucidating the importance of the Feast. While these verses are seldom sung outside of cathedrals and monasteries (which sometimes have a daily cycle of services), we usually do not hear them. While the preparation for the Nativity of Christ has not attained the prominence of the Great Fast's preparation for Pascha, there are certain

similarities: the length of the preparatory fast (forty days), the fasting itself, and the texts for the pre-feast.

Fr. Thomas continues: “Originally there was but one festival in the Christian Church for the Lord's appearing. It was called the “festival of lights,” and it was connected both to the Jewish festival of the season, as well as to the pagan celebration which took place at the time of year when the sun stopped its southern march and began to move again towards the north, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness in the natural order. This feast for the Christians was the feast of Epiphany, which literally means “appearing” or “manifestation,” properly called Theophany, which literally means the appearance or manifestation of God, and was kept on January 6. It was given this name, obviously, because God appeared on earth in the person of His Son, and manifested His glory in Him who called Himself the “Light of the world.”

“The separate celebration of Jesus’ Nativity apart from the one general celebration of His appearance on earth - which originally included all aspects of His coming, from His birth to His public manifestation at His baptism in the river Jordan - was consciously done by the Christian Church, first in the West and later in the East, to offset the pagan holiday of the “Nativity of the Invincible Sun.” This pagan festival was celebrated on the twenty-fifth of December. It was a day of religious observance for those who worshiped the heavenly bodies, particularly the sun, as gods.

When pagans were liberated from this worship and were blessed to adore the true God as Christians, it was only natural that the Church would replace the erroneous festival with the true one, thus giving genuine significance to a day which was already special in the life of many of its new members.

It appears that the main hymn of the feast of Christ's Nativity in the Eastern Church was formulated as a conscious polemic against paganism, with a very pointed flaunting of the fact that those who formerly worshiped the stars, including the sun, were taught by a star to worship the True Sun, God's Son Jesus, who gives, and is, the True Light.”

*Your Nativity, O Christ our God, Has shown to the world the light of wisdom For by it those who worshiped the stars Were taught by a star to adore You, The Sun of Righteousness, And to know You, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to You!*

Fr. John

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