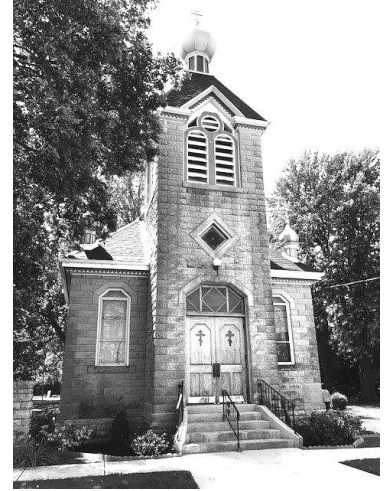


HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

DECEMBER 25, 2022



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

**NO VESPERS ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 31; NO DIVINE
LITURGY ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 1, 2023**

EPISTLE

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’”

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

FATHER JOHN ADAMCIO IS AVAILABLE TO CALL 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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATED TO BEAUTIFY CHURCH

Denny Bird (3) In memory of Elchisco & Bird families

Laura Kovach (2) In memory of departed family members; good health and many years to our parish family

Royhab (1) In memory of departed Royhab and Libb family members

Twarek (2) In memory of our parents John, Anne, George, and Ruth, our Godparents, grandparents, and all departed family and friends, For the health of the Mazurik & Twarek families, our parish family and all of our friends; special intentions

Sandy and Dave Martin (3) For the health of our family, church family, and friends. In loving memory of our parents George and Helen, Bill & Delores, Butch and Marguerite. In loving memory of Marguerite, Paula, and Grandma Jane

Jean Hileman (2) For the health of the Hileman and Pipenur families. For the health of Elaine Hileman

Basil Glovinsky (5) For the health of Diane and Mike, Joe and Sonya, Ed and Irene, and Joe and Valerie. In loving memory of the Glovinsky, Monak, Yuhas, and Beadle families and all other families of Holy Assumption

Tamara Blackford (1) In loving memory of Rob

VIGILS FOR 12-18-2022

Tamara Blackford (1) In memory of Rob

Jean Hileman (1) Special Intentions

Laura Kovach (2) For health of Irene, 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. Happy 70th Anniversary blessings to Ed and Irene!

Sandy Martin (1) special intentions

Ron & Roberta Royhab (1) Safe travel for (son) David, Stephanie, and Joey as they join Holly in London

Natalie Twarek (7) 70th Anniversary Blessings to Ed and Irene, Health and recovery of Irene, For the health of Father David, 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, Kurt, Leslie and Ed, Health of Amber, Dottie, Joe, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi and Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn and 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

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

OTTAWA COUNTY BUREAU

Thank you from The Ottawa County Holiday Bureau— Danbury Unit. With your support, those in need in our Community were supported with vouchers to help purchase food and other household supplies. Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas season and a safe and healthy New Year!

CLEANING SCHEDULE

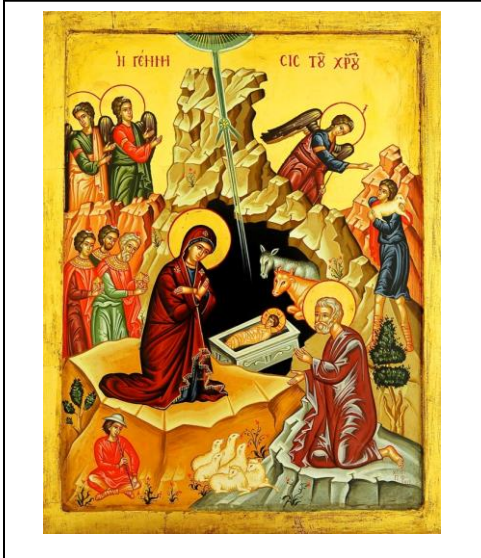
Week of December 25, Susan

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

December 18, 2002, Sunday Divine Liturgy, 22 attended

HIS BEATITUDE METROPOLITAN TIKHON'S 2022 NATIVITY LETTER

To Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,
My Beloved Children in the Lord,



Christ is born! Glorify him!

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the Child and his Mother, and go to the land of Israel...” (Mt. 2:19-20)

The protagonist, so to speak, for the first two chapters of Saint Matthew’s Gospel is the humble and silent man whom we call the Righteous Joseph the Betrothed.

Joseph is called ‘just,’ that is, he walked according to the commandments of God (Mt. 1:19). And, according to the scriptures, in keeping the commandments, a man may learn true knowledge. As the Psalmist says, ‘Teach me good judgment and

knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments’ (Ps. 118:66).

We find that this is exceptionally true in the case of Saint Joseph. So just, so righteous, was he, that he was worthy to be taught and led by an angel. In an event that is sometimes called the annunciation to Saint Joseph, an angel comes to the righteous man in his moment of doubt concerning the pregnancy of his betrothed, telling him not fear.

And this exhortation not to be afraid is no mere formality, for the next words of the angel disclose a dread and fearful task. The angel asks Joseph to serve the most holy Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary in place of an earthly husband (‘take Mary your wife’), and to minister to the Lord Jesus Christ in the place of an earthly father (‘you shall call his name Jesus’).

This alone—the command to serve as a foster father to the God of all and as a guardian for the Mother of the Light—would be fearful enough. But soon Saint Joseph and the holy Mother and Child for whom he is obliged to care are beset by extraordinary circumstances: a murder plot, an es-cape to a distant land, and a sojourn in that foreign country. We can only assume that, in Egypt, among strangers, away from home and property, the responsibility to provide for his supposed wife and son weighed very heavily upon this righteous man. But again, the words of an angel, and this time these are words of relief and joy: ‘Go the land of Israel.’ Return home to your kin; return home to your property; return home to your people and your customs and your land.

The first time an angel visited the righteous Joseph, he brought a dread order from the Almighty, an order that would have to be carried out under the most trying of circumstances. The second time an angel came, he brought a welcome reprieve.

But in both cases, the just man Joseph was equally obedient to the divine will. When he was commanded to care for Mother and Child, he took up the task without hesitation, no matter what difficulties ensued. And when he was told to return to Israel, he went just as readily.

The same paradoxical way that Saint Joseph protected and cared for the omnipotent Master who holds all creation in the palm of his hand, God has given to us, Orthodox Christians, a special charge of sacred stewardship. God needs nothing from us, and yet he delights in allowing us to cooperate with him in the work of preaching the Gospel and sanctifying the world.

We might say that, just like the Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, we are, by divine grace, charged with caring for the newborn Christ. For what is the Church but Christ's Body, growing in this world in wisdom and stature until it reaches the measure of the stature of the fullness in the age to come (Lk. 2:52, Eph. 4:13)? And we all share a responsibility, according to our station in life, to care for the Church through prayer, financial support, sacramental participation, and sharing and teaching the faith.

And then, on another level, we are each charged to care for Christ in our life, in our own heart. Saint Paul wrote to the Galatians that he was in travail until Christ be formed in them (Gal. 4:19). Each of us is called to reveal Christ in our life, to become a saint, to become Christ by grace. Through baptism and the Eucharist we have all received Jesus Christ within ourselves, as it were as a new-born Child. By prayer, careful practice of the virtues, attentiveness to our thoughts, and the cultivation of authentic love for God and man, we allow Christ to grow in us, until, we pray, it is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us (Gal. 2:20).

Today, celebrating the Nativity of the Savior in the flesh, may we all take Saint Joseph as our example as we seek to foster Christ in the Church and in our own hearts. Let us practice the commandments, discern the will of God, and do his will, even when the circumstances are difficult.

Truly, this world is an Egypt, and caring for Christ and his Church as Saint Joseph did always involves obstacles and challenges. But if we sojourn with the Christ-child in Egypt, faithfully attending to him in our lives and our communities, we can be assured that we, like Saint Joseph, will one day hear those welcome words: 'Go to the land of Israel'—that is, come, ye righteous, and enter the heavenly mansions the Father has prepared for you from before all ages (Mt. 25:34).

By caring for our infant Savior and Lord in this way, we show our willingness to cooperate with the grace of God, God who so desired to have us as his fellow-workers, his brethren, and his friends that he deigned to be born in a cave and laid in a manger, on a cold night 'while gentle silence enveloped all things, and night in its swift course was now half gone' (Wis. 18:14). To him, our newborn God and Lord, be all glory, honor, and adoration, together with his eternal Father and his most holy, good, and life- giving Spirit.

With the blessing of the newborn Messiah, who is Lord and God before the ages, I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

SUBDEACON ROGER PINTA returned to his former parish, St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, on December 4 to portray a jolly St. Nicholas! Shown below in left photo with Patti Owens, left, and Debbie Pinta; in right photo with Priest Jan Cizmar, Cathedral Dean.



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