

# HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

DECEMBER 4, 2022



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, December 4,  
9:10 AM HOURS / DIVINE  
LITURGY / SOCIAL HOUR**

**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 17:12-19**

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

## ST. NICHOLAS SERVICE AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

A Vesperal Liturgy for St. Nicholas is scheduled on Monday December 5 at 6 PM at Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 2238 East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street in Lorain, OH, 44055. St. Nicholas Day/commemoration is December 6.

## 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 unborn child

**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 11-27-22

Tamara Blackford: (1) In memory of Rob

Laura Kovach: (4) For health of 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 Andrew. Best wishes to Fr. Andrew. Safe travel for family

Sandy Martin: (2) In loving memory of mom, special intentions

Ron and Roberta Royhab: (1) For Father Andrew as he begins his new pastoral assignment

Natalie Twarek: (6) Congratulations to Father Andrew, Health and recovery of Don Kiser, God's blessing for 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 & 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 the 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); 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)

## 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 for lunch Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm. Consider patronizing the Bistro; for more than four people please make reservations at 419-734-9887. It will be closed December 24 to January 2, reopening January 3.

## OTTAWA COUNTY BUREAU

Danbury Unit will be distributing vouchers for 2022. In 2021 the Danbury Holiday Bureau alone was able to touch the lives of 81 families—that's 224 individuals and 84 of those were children under the age of 18. Without Government Financial support, we depend only your donations. Checks can be made out to Danbury Holiday Bureau and mailed to 4941 East Harbor Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

## DECEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of December 4, Natalie; 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

November 21 Entrance of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy, 11 attended; November 27 Sunday Divine Liturgy, 35 attended.

## SOME FACTS ABOUT SAINT NICHOLAS

### Excerpts from St. Nicholas article at oca.org:

Saint Nicholas (270-343), the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia Minor peninsula), and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.

As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the very day of his birth revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. His mother, Nonna, after giving birth was immediately healed from illness. The newborn infant, while still in the baptismal font, stood on his feet three hours, without support from anyone, thereby honoring the Most Holy Trinity. Saint Nicholas from his infancy began a life of fasting, and on Wednesdays and Fridays he would not accept milk from his mother until after his parents had finished their evening prayers.

From his childhood Nicholas thrived on the study of Divine Scripture; by day he would not leave church, and by night he prayed and read books, making himself a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nicholas of Patara rejoiced at the spiritual success and deep piety of his nephew. He ordained him a reader, and then elevated Nicholas to the priesthood, making him his assistant and entrusting him to instruct the flock...

Saint Nicholas is the patron of travelers, and we pray to him for deliverance from floods, poverty, or any misfortunes. He has promised to help those who remember his parents, Theophanes and Nonna.

Saint Nicholas is also commemorated on May 9 (transfer of his relics) and on July 29 (his nativity).

In Italy, the relics of Saint Nicholas are in the Roman Catholic Basilica of Saint Nicholas in Bari; and his left arm is in Saint Nicholas Roman Catholic Church of Rimini.

In Russia, relics of Saint Nicholas are to be found in Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow, and in the Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg.

The right hand of Saint Nicholas is in the church of Saint George the New in Bucharest, Romania.

In Greece, portions of the Saint's relics are in the Monasteries of Saint Nicholas Apo Bathia in Euboia, and Phaneromenē in Salaminos. A piece of the Saint's left arm is in the Metropolitan church of Volos. One of the Saint's teeth is at Kalabryta Monastery in the Peloponnēsos.

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# The Spirit of Thankfulness

It is natural for us to ask help from God in times of trouble or sorrow. It is also natural to plead on behalf of our loved ones. These two forms of prayer - *petition* and *intercession* - are vital. But the *prayer of thanksgiving*, mentioned so often in Scripture and made so eloquently in many Psalms, must also be an essential part of our lives as Christians.

Are we truly thankful to God for His innumerable blessings and mercies toward us? Do we really feel we even have anything to be thankful for? Perhaps, amid our daily duties and struggles, an occasion for gratitude seems hard to find. We may have pressing financial needs, urgent family problems, deep personal sorrows or concerns. We may be only too well aware of the evils of our time, or the sins of our heart. We may simply feel empty, weary, isolated. The evening news, or the events in our neighborhood, may make us feel that talk of thanking God is at best simple-minded and at worst hypocritical.

In reality, the practice of prayerful thanksgiving is essential to acquiring inner peace. Far from being simple-minded, it requires - and develops - a living faith and humility in the soul. One of the reasons God often seems far from us is simply because we do not - even will not - see Him where He *is*, in the daily circumstances of life He sends us.

Giving thanks to God for everything in our "ordinary" lives can help us to see at last that nothing in our lives is really ordinary. Life is never "ordinary". It is rather a passage from time into eternity. The circumstances that rise before us, the problems we encounter, the relationships we form, the choices we make, all ultimately concern our eternal union with or separation from God.

If we as Christians truly believe that our lives are lived under the sign of the Cross and in the light of eternity, then we must believe that God is with us in all the changing fortunes of our days. And we must also believe that despite natural disasters and human ills, evil is not finally triumphant and death is not victorious. In our lives there are no chance events, no irrational twists of empty fate, but rather the ever-present workings of a provident God, Who uses all means to lead us into the harbor of Christ.

When we begin to feel, however faintly, the truth of this, we shall find much to be grateful for. The spirit of thankfulness is a necessary part of the spiritual discipline of living in the present moment - with God - and not in the past or the future. We cannot know what will happen tomorrow, or even tonight; we cannot change what is already past. But we can be grateful today for the blessings of today - the blessing of life itself, the blessing of communion with God through prayer and the Holy Eucharist, the blessing of repentance, the healing of forgiveness. Even the small, seemingly trivial, moments in our day - the sight of a bird in the sky, the greening of a tree, the laugh of a child, the voice of a friend - speak to us of God if only we wish to hear, for everything of beauty, of light, of love, comes to us from Him.

In such small moments, as much as in the dramatic crises of our lives, the headlong rush of time opens upon eternity. If we learn to live quietly, attentively, faithfully, in the "now" which alone truly exists for us, we shall be prepared by degrees for the "everlasting now" which awaits us after death. If we do not find and follow Christ in the present moment, we shall not recognize Him at the end of time.

Let us ask of God a grateful heart, and let us resolve to give thanks each day for the day itself and the presence of Christ in it, sustaining our life by His hand and giving courage to our struggles, zeal to our repentance, contrition to our prayer, and stability to our labors. If only we will make an effort, we will find that giving thanks to God - even in adversity - opens our hearts to see blessings we had not thought to find.

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