

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



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***Holy Assumption Orthodox Church is a parish of the Orthodox Church in America,
Diocese of the Midwest***

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 30

Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Greater Armenia

VESPERS, 4:00 PM

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 1

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY
THEOTOKOS; *Venerable Romanus the Melodist, "Sweet-Singer"*

9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM
DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour



Miraculous catch of fish

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren: As workers together with Him we also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fasting; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet

true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

EPISTLE: Romans 8:28-39

Brethren: We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

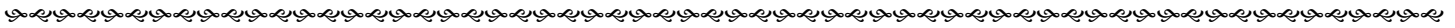
GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So, they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So, when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:12-19

The Lord said to His disciples, beware of men: for they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and

brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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SEPTEMBER CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: In memory of Violet Bargdill & LaVerne Schutt (\$50); **Chandelier:** In memory of Rose Haburt (September 13) (\$50); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** In memory of Gordon Schutt (\$25); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Fin and Jack (\$15); **Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (\$15)



VIGILS FOR SEPTEMBER 17

Susan Guzy 1 Special intentions

Laura Kovach 3 Blessings and many years to the parishioners of Holy Assumption on the occasion of their 125th Anniversary!

For health and/or healing of Nick S., Barbara D., Pauline O., George K., Joe H., Margi H., Basil G., Kathie J., Diane T., Robin C., Betty K., Ben F., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D.

Memory eternal to Ken Joy.

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Natalie Twarek 8 Birthday blessings to Braelynn (9/15), Birthday blessing to Wyatt (9/17), Anniversary blessings to Nikki and Sean (9/15, 5 years), Anniversary blessings to Zach and Amber (9/19, 14 years), In memory of Kenny Joy, For the health and recovery of Barbara, Basil, Diane, and Don Kiser, Health of Roger, Tony, Irene, Father David, Marilyn, Pauline, Judy, Mimi, Tina, Ed, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie, 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

Dennis Lapso & Family - In memory of Annette Ressetar Lapso



SEPTEMBER REPOSED

William Rose (1980) No date provided; **2-** David Douglas (2015); **4-** John Maleska (1986); **4-** Archpriest John Grandziuk (1947) Former Pastor; **5-** Archpriest Michael Dziama (1944) Former Pastor; **7-** Lisa Monak (2020); **13-** Rose Haburt; **14-** Archpriest George Breyan (2009) Former Pastor; **14-** Mary Kamiotis (2017); **15-** Infant Sloane Swanton (2021); **15-** Eileen Libb (2022); **16-** John George Mazurik (1997); **18-** Bernie Labouda (2018); **19-** Peter Rindfleisch (2006); **20-** Nora Bird (2017); **21-** Joseph Mazur (2002); **26-** Pastor Kevin Brown (2020); **27-** Michael Ittescu (1968); **27-** Alison Pickney (2017); **27-** Karen Milano (2017); **28-** William Felenchak (1977)

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:** Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / 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. **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



ATTENDANCE

9/16 Divine Liturgy, 10 attending (1 guest); 9/17 Vespers, 24 (3 guests) attending; 9/22 Vespers, ?? attending (?? Guests); Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, ?? attending



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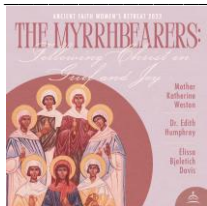
Sunday Sept 24 – Joseph
Sunday Oct 1 – Tim
Sunday Oct 8 – Ron
Sunday Oct 15 – Natalie



HOLY ASSUMPTION BOOKSTORE - STOP BY TO SHOP!

Fr. Peter and Matushka Michelle have donated many great religious items to Holy Assumption Bookstore! Mostly from Ukraine and Russia, they include: icons; neck and wall crosses; large and small religious pouches; key rings; rope prayer bracelets from a monastery; men's leather bracelets; "egg" pendants; needlepoint crosses for refrigerator; a standing cross.

We also have purchased new icons. The bookstore/gift shop is a means of outreach of Holy Assumption Church. We sell items at cost and the church does not profit from sales.



2023 ANCIENT FAITH WOMEN'S RETREAT

The 2023 Ancient Faith Women's Retreat will be held **Thursday Nov. 9 through Sunday, Nov. 12** at **Antiochian Village Conference Center**, 140 Church Camp Trail, Bolivar, PA. The retreat "seeks to create a peaceful, loving, and reflective gathering of women who have come to learn, worship, make friends, and rest at the entrance into the holy Nativity season." For more information see 3-page posting on bulletin board in church hall.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September **24** – Mike & Diane Tryon Anniversary; September **25** – Subdeacon Roger Pinta; September **26** – Greg Twarek



OUR PARISH RECEIVED A THANK YOU CARD

Diane Tryon sent a Thank you card to our parish which reads: "Dear Fr. Peter, Matushka Michelle and my Parish family, Thank you for your recent visit, I really enjoyed it. Thanks for the beautiful get-well bouquet that you sent to me. I am on the road to recovery. All my stiches come out on Thursday. God Bless, Diane. You can see the card on our bulletin board!"



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place next **Saturday, September 30th** 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!



CLEANING SCHEDULE

Sept 25, Laura
Oct 2, Tina
Oct 9, Laura
Oct 16, Natalie



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Tithe	\$1,637.00
Candles	\$ 61.00
Vigils	\$ 60.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
Support our Seminarians	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Total:	\$2,108.00

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

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“Support our Seminarians” is the charity we donate to for the month of September.



HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH 125th ANNIVERSARY - THANK YOU!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to each and every parishioner for helping us to make our 125th Anniversary Celebration special! Thank you to all who attended vespers on Friday evening and especially to those who cleaned our hall and set up the social. Thank you to those who donated food items and pastries, and those who helped us clean up afterwards. Thank you to those who clean the church especially Roddie and David for meticulously cleaning our chandeliers. Thank you to our choir for the excellent job with singing the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Thank you to those who set up our banquet hall, memorabilia table and those who donated pastries for the desert table. Thank you also to those who stayed little bit longer and helped us to clean the hall after the banquet. Since we don't want to omit anybody, if you are reading this note please know that we are thanking you personally for everything you did and for all your help with our celebration. Your help is greatly appreciated! May Our Lord bless each and every one of you and reward you with long life, good health, peace and happiness for Many Happy and Blessed Years! Mnohaja Lita!

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

- Sept. 30th** Market Day at 8 AM (*Saturday*)
- Oct. 1st** Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (*Sunday*)
- Oct. 14th** Last Market Day of the season at 8 AM (*Saturday*)
- Nov. 15th** Nativity Fast begins (*Wednesday*)
- Nov. 21st** Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple (*Tuesday*)
- Consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy





2023 APPLE DUMPLING SALE

Lakeside United Methodist Church will have their Apple Dumpling Sale. Dumplings will be sold in packages of two for \$ 8.00. For more information, please see the flyer in this bulletin and on our bulletin board.



Martyr Peter the Aleut

Commemorated on September 24

Saint Peter the Aleut is mentioned in the Life of Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13). Simeon Yanovsky (who ended his life as the schemamonk Sergius in the Saint Tikhon of Kaluga Monastery), has left the following account:

“On another occasion I was relating to him how the Spanish in California had imprisoned fourteen Aleuts, and how the Jesuits (actually Franciscans) were forcing all of them to accept the Catholic Faith. But the Aleuts would not agree under any circumstances, saying, ‘We are Christians.’ The Jesuits argued, ‘That’s not true, you are heretics and schismatics. If you do not agree to accept our faith then we will torture all of you to death.’ Then the Aleuts were placed in prisons two to a cell. That evening, the Jesuits came to the prison with lanterns and lighted candles. Again they tried to persuade two Aleuts in the cell to accept the Catholic Faith. ‘We are Christians,’ the Aleuts replied, ‘and we will not change our Faith.’ Then the Jesuits began to torture them, at first the one while his companion was a witness. They cut off one of the joints of his feet, and then the other joint. Then they cut the first joint on the fingers of his hands, and then the other joint. Then they cut off his feet, and his hands. The blood flowed, but the martyr endured all and firmly repeated one thing: ‘I am a Christian.’ He died in such suffering, due to a loss of blood. The Jesuit also promised to torture his comrade to death the next day.

“But that night an order was received from Monterey stating that the imprisoned Aleuts were to be released immediately, and sent there under escort. Therefore, in the morning all were sent to Monterey with the exception of the dead Aleut. This was related to me by a witness, the same Aleut who had escaped torture, and who was the friend of the martyred Aleut. I reported this incident to the authorities in Saint Petersburg. When I finished my story, Father Herman asked, ‘What was the name of the martyred Aleut?’ I answered, ‘Peter. I do not remember his family name.’ The Elder stood reverently before an icon, made the Sign of the Cross and said, ‘Holy New Martyr Peter, pray to God for us!’”

We know very little about Saint Peter, except that he was from Kodiak, and was arrested and put to death by the Spaniards in California because he refused to convert to Catholicism. The circumstances of his martyrdom recall the torture of Saint James the Persian (November 27).

Both in his sufferings and in his steadfast confession of the Faith, Saint Peter is the equal of the martyrs of old, and also of the New Martyrs who have shone forth in more recent times. Now he rejoices with them in the heavenly Kingdom, glorifying God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, throughout all ages.



Martyr Juvenal of Alaska

Commemorated on September 24

Saint Juvenal, the Protomartyr of America, was born in 1761 in Nerchinsk, Siberia. His secular name was John Feodorovich Hovorukhin, and he was trained as a mining engineer. In a letter to Abbot Nazarius of Valaam (December 13, 1819), Saint Herman says that Saint Juvenal “had been an assistant at our monastery and was a former officer.”

After his wife died in 1791, John entered a monastery at Saint Petersburg (Saint Herman’s Letter of December 13, 1819) and was tonsured with the name Juvenal. Three years later, he went to Alaska as a missionary.

During 1794, the hieromonks Juvenal and Macarius spent two months in the area around Kodiak teaching the inhabitants about Christ and baptizing them. They traveled in small boats of hide in all sorts of weather, dividing up the territory among themselves. Saint Herman tells of a conversation he heard one day as he walked with the hieromonks to a small hill on the south side of the harbor. They sat down facing the sea, and spoke of various things. Soon they began to discuss where each of them should go to preach. Aflame with zeal and eager to set out on their journey, a friendly argument ensued between Father Macarius and Father Juvenal. Father Macarius said he intended to go north to the Aleutian Islands, and then make his way to the Alaskan mainland, where the inhabitants had invited him to visit. The monks had a map of Captain Cook’s which indicated that some Russians were living near a certain river in that particular area, and Father Macarius hoped to find them.

Father Juvenal interrupted, saying that he believed that the Alaskan mainland was his territory. “I beg you to yield to me and not offend me in this,” he told Father Macarius, “since the ship is leaving for Yakutan. I shall begin preaching in the south, proceeding north along the ocean, cross the Kenai peninsula, then from the port there I shall cross to Alaska.”

Father Macarius became sorrowful and said, “No, Father. Do not restrict me in this way. You know the Aleutian chain of islands is joined to Alaska, therefore it belongs to me, and also the whole northern shore. As for you, the southern part of America is sufficient for your whole lifetime, if you please.” As he listened to their apostolic fervor, Saint Herman says he “went from joy to rapture” (Letter to Abbot Nazarius, May 19, 1795).

In 1795, Father Juvenal baptized over 700 Chugatchi at Nushek, then he crossed Kenai Bay and baptized the local people there. In 1796, according to native oral tradition, Saint Juvenal came to the mouth of the Kuskokwim near the present village of Quinahgak, where he was killed by a hunting party. (There is a forged diary attributed to Ivan Petroff which gives a slanderous version of Father Juvenal’s death, and alleges that he was martyred at Lake Iliamna.)

The precise reason for Saint Juvenal’s murder by the natives is not known. However, they later told Saint Innocent something about his death. They said that Saint Juvenal did not try to defend himself when attacked, nor did he make any attempt to escape. After being struck from behind, he turned to face his attackers and begged them to spare the natives he had baptized.

The natives told Saint Innocent that after they had killed Saint Juvenal, he got up and followed them, urging them to repent. They fell upon him again and gave him a savage beating. Once more, he got to his feet and called them to repentance. This happened several times, then finally the natives hacked him to pieces. Thus, the zealous Hieromonk Juvenal became the first Orthodox Christian in America to receive the crown of martyrdom. His unnamed guide, possibly a Tanaina Indian convert, was also martyred at the same time.

It is said that a local shaman removed Saint Juvenal's brass pectoral cross from his body and attempted to cast a spell. Unexpectedly, the shaman was lifted up off the ground. He made three more tries with the same result, then concluded that there was a greater power than his own at work here. Years later, a man showed up at the Nushagak Trading Post wearing a brass pectoral cross exactly like the one worn by Saint Juvenal.

A column of light arose from his holy relics and reached up to Heaven. It is not known how long this phenomenon continued.

Saint Juvenal, in his tireless evangelization of the native peoples of Alaska, served the Church more than all the other missionaries combined.

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***“Until you have suffered much in your heart, you cannot learn humility.”*** – Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

***This is the great work of a man: always to take the blame for his own sins before God, and to expect temptation to his last breath.*** – St. Anthony the Great

***A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, "You are mad; you are not like us."*** - St. Anthony the Great

***Never confuse the person, formed in the image of God, with the evil that is in him, because evil is but a chance misfortune, illness, a devilish reverie. But the very essence of the person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement.*** - St. John of Kronstadt

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# 2023 APPLE DUMPLING SALE

*Proceeds benefit the Lakeside United Methodist Missions Projects*

**DUMPLINGS ARE SOLD IN PACKAGES OF 2 FOR \$8.00**

Checks payable to LUMC memo: Apples

Order forms are available in the church lobby or by calling the church office.

*Orders accepted thru October 13 at 2:00pm*

### DUMPLING PICK UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, October 11 - Friday, October 13 from 10:00am-5:00pm  
and during the Lighthouse Festival on Saturday, October 14 from 10:00am-1:30pm

**Join us for a homemade soup lunch on Saturday, October 14 | 10:30 am- 2:00 pm**

During the Annual Lighthouse Festival

Enjoy homemade soups for only \$5

Warm apple dumpling with ice cream \$5





Orthodox Church in America  
**DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST**

22 September 2023  
*Hieromartyr Phocas of Sinope*  
№. 117

To the Very Reverend Deans and Parish Rectors of the Diocese of the Midwest:  
Dear Fathers,

As you are aware, during the month of September, our Diocese remembers the importance of vocations as we promote the “Support our Seminarians” Appeal. In my September 7 letter addressed to the Clergy and Faithful of our Diocese, I spoke of the eleven seminarians now preparing themselves for future ministry in the Church:

*“These men, and others who will follow them, are to be educated in Orthodox Theology and formed in the image of the Good Shepherd so that, God willing, they will one day take their place in the history of the ordained ministry in the Diocese of the Midwest. They sacrifice and make special efforts to that end: most of them are married family men, and their wives and children sacrifice along with them. Just as each one of us needs the support of the clergy now serving in our parishes, so too we need to support our seminarians, so that they may one day stand at the Holy Altar, preach the Gospel, and offer pastoral care to us, our families, and our parishes. They need our fervent prayers, certainly, but they and their families also need our equally sacrificial financial support.”*

In that same letter, I also made a personal appeal to each one of you and to all our diocesan communities, to increase our prayer, asking the Good Shepherd to raise up more servant shepherds who will care for His flock. I also requested that every parish and mission community, as well as every individual give generously to our Seminarian Fund so that we can offer these men financial support and thus help ease the burden they carry during their years of study. As previously announced, the date for the annual Appeal and Collection is this Sunday, September 24. I ask you to make mention of this in your sermons or announcements, and, if you deem appropriate, to also read my September 7 letter to the gathered faithful, as we ask everyone to show their appreciation and support for our diocesan seminarians—present and future. Monies for this appeal that are raised in your churches should be sent to the Diocese of the Midwest and earmarked: “Seminarian Fund.”

With love in Christ, the Shepherd of our Souls,

DANIEL  
Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest