Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER 4, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren: Let me say this much: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the Sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos
Feast Day – October 1st

GOSPEL: Lk 6:31-36

The Lord said, just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners

to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MON. Oct 5	Martyr Charitina of Amisos; Phil 1:1-7, Lk 6:24-30
TUE. Oct 6	Saint Innocent, Enlightener of the Aleuts; Phil 1:8-14, Lk 6:37-42
WED. Oct 7	Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria; Phil 1:12-20, Lk 6:46-7:1
THU. Oct 8	Venerable Pelagia the Penitent; Phil 1:20-27, Lk 7:17-30
FRI. Oct 9	Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America; Phil 1:27-2:4, Lk 7:31-35
SAT. Oct 10	Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia; 1 Cor 15:58-16:3, Lk 5:27-32
4:00 PM	**VESPERS**
SUN. Oct 11	**18th Sunday after Pentecost – Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, *Tone 1***
9:10 AM	**HOURS**
9:30 AM	**DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Social**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Subdeacon John (Roger Pinta), P. O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; **Laura Kovach,** 382 South Church Road, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Joe Schutt,** 9340 Roseto Villa Drive, Dublin, OH 43016; **Tony Monastra & Tina Rindfleisch**, 2119 Willow Cove, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Irene Vangeloff**, 3580 Shaw Ave., Apt. 305, Cincinnati, OH 45208 Tel.: (513) 376-9693

OCTOBER REPOSED

Joseph L. Mazurik (1944) No date provided; Anna Mazur (1945) No date provided; Anna Danchisen (1945) No date provided; William Martin (1982) No date provided; **3**- Anna Tomko (1990); **4**- William Peter Guzy (1974); **5**- John Elchisco Sr. (1982); **5**- Mark Conroy (2018); **5**- Patricia Schirtzinger (2021); **6**- Andrew Tomko (1970); **6**- Helen Elchisco (1956); **7**- Michael Gresko (1963); **8**- Archpriest Michael Kostyk (1964) Former Pastor; **11**- Helen Pipenur (2009);**12**- Pauline Mary Gresh (1981); **13**- James E Jump (2011); **13**- Tom Grgich (2018); **13**- Michael Mazurik (2018); **14**- George Kaitsa (1991); **15**- Michael Mazurik (1972); **15**- John Kovach (1983); **16**- Mary Kobb (2017); **16**- Tom Wiseman (2020); **18**- Nadezhda Kaitsa (1992); **20**- Elizabeth Naiser Royhab (2006) **20**- Terry Fink (2017); **21**- Alex Mazur (1920); **21**-Terry (Bobbie's cousin) (2017); **27**- Gordon J. Schutt (2021); **28**- George Elchisco (1996); **28**- Anthony Glovinsky (1946); **31**- George Rusincovitch (1994)

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Kris / Tom & Ellen Martin / Laura Kovach / Joe Schutt / Tony Monastra / Sessely and her unborn baby / Russel / Debby /Subdeacon John (Roger Pinta) / Bryan Gibson / Tom Sitzler / Valerie Schutt / Hayden Issler / Roger Pinta Jr. / Richard Williams / Christine Twarek / Alvin Foland / Delaine Ward (Ron Royhab's sister) / Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab /Rodney

Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway/ Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

Other Requests: Catechumen Justin Inks / Catechumen Mariah Moses / Catechumen Cory Moses / Chris Clabaugh / Samantha Lee / Peggy / Becky / Ella / Tom Virostek / Bob Stephenson / Jim Rinaldo / Roy / Greg / Patty Wandover / Russ M. / Suzeann / Laura Engler / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Linkoln Paull / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čižmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian Hutnyan / Archpriest John Adamcio / Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military

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VIGILS FOR September 27th

Bundren Family 1 Special Intentions

Sue Guzy 1 Health of Father Peter, Matushka Michelle, Gary, Russ, Patty, Safe travels for brother Gary

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Fr. Peter & Matushka Michelle, Roger P., Jim K., Mary B., Samantha L., Joe S., Elaine R., Mimi T., Katie M., Roger P., Matushka Michelle, Robin L., Margi & Joe, Heidi & Wayne G., Lindsay & Janet, Jerry Z., Patti O., Deb F., Russ M, Burt K., Bobbie & Ron R., Peggy S., Brenda T., Betty K., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., and Bodhi, C.
Birthday blessings for Jack
Safe travel for family

Sandy Martin 1 Special Intentions

Natalie Twarek 10 For the health and recovery of Fr Peter, Birthday Blessing to Nikki(9/25), Birthday Blessing to Greg(9/26), Birthday Blessing to Amber(9/26), In loving memory of Patti Owen, For the health and recovery of Chris Clabaugh, For the health of Sessely and unborn baby, For the health and recovery Laura and Joe and Elaine, Roger, For the health of Nikki and Brynlee For God's guidance for Mia, For the health of Fr Peter & Matushka Michelle, and Fr John & Matushka Melania, For the health and recovery of John, Mimi, Rodney, Bob, Richard, Laura, Kathy & Cliff, Irene, Ron & Bobbie, Betty, Kayla, Heidi, Wayne, Peggy & Becky, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara & Walter, For the health of Nick & family, Christine, Jen, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Sonya, Margi & Joe, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Special Intentions

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ATTENDANCE

09/27 Divine Liturgy, **21** attending (2 guests)

READERS LIST

Sunday Oct 4 – Joe
Sunday Oct 11 – Tim

OCTOBER CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Violet Bargdill & LaVerne Schutt; Mike & Sharon, For the health for Fr Peter & Matushka Michelle **($50)**; **Chandelier:** Joe & Valerie

Schutt, In memory of Gordon Schutt (October 27, 2021) **($50)**; **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Jean Hileman, God's Blessings for Justin and his deployment; Mike & Sharon, For the health for Fr Peter & Matushka Michelle **($25)**; **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Katelyn and in memory of Uncle Alex and father-in-law John Kovach **($20)**; **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Available ($20)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Josh & Stephanie Bundren Anniversary; **6** – Ron Royhab; **16** – Stephanie Bundren; **17** – Tim Glovinsky; **30** – Weston Davenport (8)

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Tithe	$ 858.00
Candles	$ 78.00
Vigils	$ 60.00
Altar Candles	$ 50.00
Eternal Light & Icon Screen	$ 50.00
Building Restoration	$ 600.00
Bookstore	$ 64.00
Total:	**$1,760.00**

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

65th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Fr. Peter and Matushka Michelle will be representing our parish at 65th Diocesan Assembly which will take place from **Monday, October 5th** till **Wednesday, October 7th** at **St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church in Broadview Hights.** In case of emergency, please call Fr. Peter's cell phone at (607) 206-5523. Please pray for the successful and uplifting gathering of our Father Archbishop Daniel and all the clergy and delegates!

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

"Danbury Holiday Bureau" is the charity we donate to for the month of October.

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 10th – Market Day 8:00 am *(Saturday)*

Oct 19th – Baking Day – 8:00 AM *(Monday)*

Nov 1st – Daylight saving time ends *(Sunday)*

Nov 15th – Beginning of Nativity Fast *(Sunday)*

Nov 21st – Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple *(Saturday)*

MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place on Saturday, **October 10th** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have halupki, perohi, kielbasa and kraut, bratwurst and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated!

COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

Oct 4 - Terri Cassell
Oct 11 - Josh & Stephanie
Oct 18 - Available
Oct 25 - Available

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall

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CLEANING SCHEDULE

Oct 5, Laura
Oct 12, Tina
Oct 19, Greg
Oct 26, Roddie & David

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

Commemorated on October 4

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, the first Bishop of Athens, was a member of the Athenian Areopagos and was converted to Christ by the Apostle Paul together with Saint Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3).

The saint was consecrated by the Apostle Paul to the rank of bishop. According to Tradition, Bishop Hierotheus was present with Saint Dionysius at the funeral of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Saint Hierotheus died a martyr's death in the first century.

The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Commemorated on October 1

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation."

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting Saint Andrew in contemplation of her. The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered more important by the Slavs then by the Greeks.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor also notes the miraculous deliverance followed an all-night Vigil and the dipping of the garment of the Mother of God into the waters of the sea at the Blachernae church, but does not mention Saints Andrew and Epiphanius and their vision of the Mother of God at prayer. These latter elements, and the beginnings of the celebrating of the Feast of the Protection, seem to postdate Saint Nestor and the Chronicle. A further historical complication might be noted under (October 2) dating Saint Andrew's death to the year 936.

The year of death might not be quite reliable, or the assertion that he survived to a ripe old age after the vision of his youth, or that his vision involved some later pagan Russian raid which met with the same fate. The suggestion that Saint Andrew was a Slav (or a Scythian according to other sources, such as S. V. Bulgakov) is interesting, but not necessarily accurate. The extent of Slavic expansion and repopulation into Greece is the topic of scholarly disputes.

In the *Prologue*, a Russian book of the twelfth century, a description of the establishment of the special Feast marking this event states, "For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!"

Therefore, in the festal celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, the Russian Church sings, "With the choirs of the Angels, O Sovereign Lady, with the venerable and glorious prophets, with the First-Ranked Apostles and with the Hieromartyrs and Hierarchs, pray for us sinners, glorifying the Feast of your Protection in the Russian Land." Moreover, it would seem that Saint Andrew, contemplating the miraculous vision was a Slav, was taken captive, and became the slave of the local inhabitant of Constantinople named Theognostus.

Churches in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God began to appear in Russia in the twelfth century. Widely known for its architectural merit is the temple of the Protection at Nerl, which was built in the year 1165 by holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky. The efforts of this holy prince also established in the Russian Church the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, about the year 1164.

At Novgorod in the twelfth century there was a monastery of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (the so-called Zverin monastery) In Moscow also under Tsar Ivan the Terrible the cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God was built at the church of the Holy Trinity (known as the church of Saint Basil the Blessed).

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."