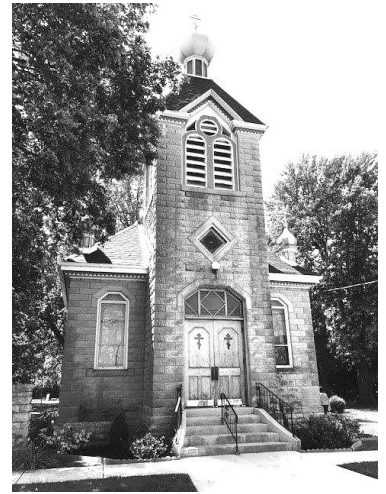


HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 9:10 AM
HOURS / DIVINE LITURGY / SOCIAL
HOUR**

**SUNDAY (MEATFARE), FEBRUARY
19, 9:10 HOURS / DIVINE LITURGY /
FOLLOWED BY PRE-LENTEN
POTLUCK & ANNUAL MEETING**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!

Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

GOSPEL Luke 15:11-32

Then He said: “A certain man had two sons.

And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood.

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804

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 / Helen Lis / David Mazurik / Mark Mazurik / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / Sonya Rose / Elaine Libb / 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 & newborn Brexly / Trisha Monschein & newborn Zackary / Gleice & newborn Chloe

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

HOLY CONFESSION

This is just a quick reminder that Fr. John is available for Confession on the Saturdays when Vespers will be served. This can be accomplished either before, or after, Vespers. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities to come for this holy sacrament.

P.S. One of the requirements to be a “voting member in good standing,” to participate and vote in the Annual Meeting, is to receive the Mysteries of Holy Confession and Holy Communion. There is still time to fulfill these requirements before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 19.

FEBRUARY CANDLE AND BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Altar Candles: (\$50) Available; **Bulletin:** (\$50) Available; **Chandelier:** (\$50) From Ron and Roberta Royhab in loving memory of Barbara Turinsky Merrill; **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) From Natalie Twarek in loving memory of dear friend Mary Zivich (23 years 2/7); **Candles at the Cross:** (\$15) From Laura Kovach in memory of my dad Steven and birthday memory of my mom Margaret; **Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon:** (\$15) For safety of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, and baby Chloe

VIGILS FOR FEBRUARY 5

Susan Guzy (3) Special intentions

Laura Kovach (2) For health of Robin, Irene, Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie & Molly K., Pete R., Sharon D., Sonya, John D., Karen D., David W., and Chuck W. Memory eternal to Paul Eckel and Barbara Merrill

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Diane Tryon (5) In loving memory of Ron McClean, family friend, In loving memory of Joe Rose (40days), Special intentions, In thanksgiving for all of my supporters, Birthday Blessings for Ian Beck, Grandson 2/1

Natalie Twarek (6) In memory of Barb Merrill, and Paul Eckel, Health and recovery of Father David, Health and recovery of Irene, Don & Judy Kiser, Mimi, For the health and recovery of Robin, Valerie, Joe, Ed, Ron, Mark, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Dottie, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Katie, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intention

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4-Patti Owens; 5-Christi Soski; 5-Thomas Hileman; 8-Tommy Hileman; 14-Sandy Martin; 16-David Mazurik; 16-Silas Issler; 19-Jonah Adamcio; 22-Wayne Golob; 24-Sonya Rose; 25-Heidi Golob; 26-Basil Glovinsky; 27-Andy Schlotterer

FEBRUARY REPOSED

2-Nancy Pipenur (2018); 5-Peter Kowal (2004); 6-Steve Michael Mazur (1970); 6-Elizabeth Kravetz Mc Mahon (1984); 12-Glenn Schoonmaker (2002); 12-Lawrence Beck (2018); 14-Rose Polosky (1953); 17-Stanley Guzy (1986); 20-Linda Sue Alber & infant (1969); 20-Dc. Mike Cinalli (2020); 21-Mary Tomka Matso (1956); 21-John Richard Elchisco (2021); 22-Metro Mazur (1973); 22-Marguerite Bird (2022); 23-George Elchisco Sr. (1961); 26-Elizabeth Millie (1998); 29-Mary Uka Kostearly (1996)

FEBRUARY CHARITY IS ST. VLADIMIR'S ORTHODOX SEMINARY

HOUSE BLESSINGS

There is still time to have your home blessed during the Theophany season. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Fr. John by email (troika1709@gmail.com), text (773.939.0549), or after services. **It would be wonderful to have the blessing of the Lord come into your home.--Father John**

READERS NEEDED!

We need people to read for the liturgical services: Hours, Epistles, Old Testament readings, verses, and so forth. If you are interested, please contact Ron Royhab, Natalie Twarek, or Fr. John. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more involved in the church services, as well as more about the Orthodox Faith and the Holy Scripture. **Pray about it, and join in!—Father John**

CLEANING SCHEDULE

February 13, Susan; February 20, Jean; February 27, Stephanie

ATTENDANCE

February 1, Feast Day, 13 attended; February 5, Sunday Divine Liturgy, 14 attended

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Holy Assumption Orthodox Church will be held next Sunday (Meatfare), February 19, following the Divine Liturgy. With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop DANIEL, and the approval of Archpriest Andrew Clements, Father John will be present and will chair the meeting.

All voting members in good standing are encouraged not only to attend this vitally important meeting, but also to constructively participate.

Please mark this on your calendars, and prepare for the meeting by prayer, fasting, and receiving Holy Confession and Holy Communion.

This is the *second* announcement.

To Be a Voting Member in Good Standing

The *Parish Bylaws of the Diocese of the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America*, defines a "voting member in good standing:"

- a) is a Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christian;
- b) is at least 18 years of age;
- c) partakes of the Sacraments of Private Confession and Communion in one's home parish at least once a year or elsewhere with the permission of the Rector;
- d) has been a Parishioner of the Parish for at least a year; and
- e) fulfills financial obligation as established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies, and the Parish, which obligations may be adjusted or waived by the Rector in consultation with the Parish Council.

(Article II, Section 2)

If there is any question regarding your status as a "voting member in good standing," please contact Ron Royhab and Fr. John at your earliest convenience.

In XC,

Father John

From the Amvon of Father John Adamcio

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Today, the Gospel reading retells the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32).

We have addressed our journey to and through the Great Fast to Pascha as an opportunity to “change course,” moving from our own sinful way of life, to a new life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. This course correction begins with our prayer life as we heard the theme of last week’s Gospel reading of the Publican and Pharisee.

Two men went to the Temple to pray in very different ways. The parable reveals the nature of prayer to us, and where our hearts really are. Our Lord knows us intimately: He knows our deepest heart. The Pharisee’s prayer was vain, insincere, and self-centered. The Publican’s prayer was humble and sincere, acknowledging his sinfulness before God beseeching mercy. We know how God judged these two men.

We begin our preparation for the Great Fast, as well as for Pascha, with a special emphasis on our prayer life. To be sure, we must use every resource available to us: we pray at the Divine Liturgy; we use prayer books for both evening and morning private prayers; we attend Vespers and the Presanctified Liturgy.

We are also able to use the shining diadem of Orthodoxy: the Jesus Prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner! This most basic, yet beautiful prayer is one we can say over and over again whether we are in church, driving our cars, during our waking hours, pretty much, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. St. Paul tells the Christians living in Thessalonica: Pray without ceasing (1Thess: 5:17). This is the beginning of a new life in Christ!

Once we begin to see how “off course” we can be, we can make the necessary adjustments in our life. Sometimes, this must be a complete change of course.

There are several major themes in today’s Gospel: choice (free-will), repentance, forgiveness, judgement, and love. The young son used his choice of free-will to enter a decidedly sinful life. Ultimately, he “came to his senses” and repented. Repentance itself implies not just a change of course, but a complete reversal in our direction of travel. The Prodigal Son “repented,” and came back 180 degrees to his father. Today, it is up to us to completely change our course, and come back to Jesus Christ and His Holy Church. This is not an easy task, but the Church is able to guide us through this narrow and difficult path.

One of the most important tools we have in our course corrections is that of Holy Confession. We will address this more completely in future articles, but we must come to the realization that Holy Confession is an integral part of our spiritual journey. Let us take this opportunity of not only these preparatory weeks, but also the Great Fast to reassess our lives in a prayerful manner. May we enter this time of spiritual work with joy in the expectation of the great and saving day of Holy Pascha!



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the Romanian Episcopate, OCA

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All are Encouraged
to bring Holy Icons & hold
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