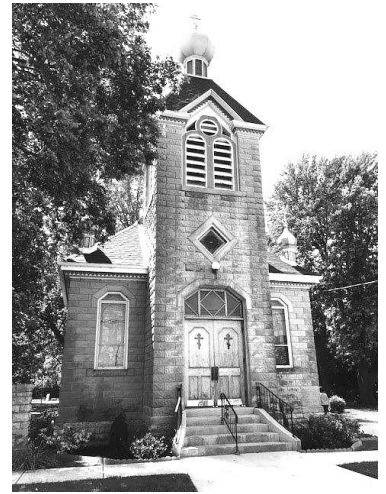


# HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 19, 2023



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 3:30 PM  
PANIKHIDA, 4 PM VESPERS**

**SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE) FEBRUARY 26,  
9:10 AM HOURS / DIVINE LITURGY /  
FOLLOWED BY LENTEN POTLUCK &  
FORGIVENESS VESPERS**

## EPISTLE 8:8-9:21 Corinthians

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.

For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience you sin against Christ.

Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

## GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me. "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS** Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804,  
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**PRAYER LIST** **Parishioners & Family:** James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Maryann Cook / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Elaine Hileman / Betty Kovach / Helen Lis / David 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 / Gabrielle and her unborn child **Other Requests:** Donny / Marge Dziama / Child Ezra / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Marsha / Mark Masica / Jamie Philpot / Robert Piznar / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Sandy Scafaria / David Warner / Chuck Wiedenhoft / Sara / Chris / Tamman Haddad **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & all Military

*From the Amvon of Father John Adamcio*

## Hymns of Repentance

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great goodness, and according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

*When I think of the many evil things I have done, wretch that I am, I tremble at the fearful day of judgment. But trusting in Your loving kindness, like David I cry to You:*

*Have mercy on me, O God!*

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*Have mercy on me, O God! According to Your great mercy!*

One of the most beautiful and moving hymns of the Orthodox Church is sung from now, during the Great Fast, up until Pascha. This hymn is usually sung during Matins.

The first few lines are taken verbatim from Psalm 51, the Penitential Psalm of the Holy Prophet and Psalmist David. This psalm is oft repeated throughout the liturgical life of the Church, especially in its hymnography. After acknowledging his sin, he implores God to have mercy on him.

**We beg our Lord for mercy.** In the Litanies during the divine services, we sing: Lord have mercy! Time and time again. It is not that we feel God is stupid and needs to be reminded. It is WE who need to be reminded that we are in dire need of His Divine mercy! So we pray it, sing it, and believe it will be accomplished by His loving-kindness and mercy.

Next comes a line that cuts us to the quick. We don't often think about the evil things we have done, much less acknowledge them. But as this is a hymn of repentance, we come to grips with the concept of sin, and our participation in it. We never like to think of ourselves as being wretched, but here it is. We sometimes are wretched when we disobey God, sin against Him; do sinful and wicked things in our lives; say, think, and do evil. But, there is hope.

When we actually think about Judgment Day, being held accountable for our deeds, and thoughts, how could we not tremble at the possibility of our being judged on this alone. Therefore, we tremble with fear at judgment. But, there is hope!

Continuing on, we trust in the loving-kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ. We beg His mercy, even with the words of David and the 51st Psalm. We sing these same words three times over.

This is just the beginning of our repentance. We are in this school of repentance, and off to a good start if we keep these words in our hearts and minds.

In the next few weeks, we will address the Mystery (Sacrament) of Confession. All too often we dread going to Confession and often liken it as if we were going to the dentist! This is sad as coming to Confession we have the opportunity to cleanse our souls from sin and the guilt associated with it.

**Take heed and prepare yourself.**

## Forgiveness Vespers

**After the pot-luck next Sunday, February 26, we will gather in the Church for Forgiveness Vespers, and the Rite of Forgiveness.**

Vespers is the service which begins the new day. If we go back to the beginning of Genesis we hear that “evening and morning, one day.” This now becomes how the Church calculates time. Therefore, at the setting of the sun, we begin a new day. Now, with Vespers we begin the Great Fast.

Cheesefare Sunday is the last day before Pascha when we are able to consume milk and dairy products. With the coming of Vespers, we begin Pure Week. This is the liturgical name for the first week of the Great Fast when we are called to “purify our senses (and bodies)” to start our journey to Pascha/Easter.

It is here that things really begin to change: the vestments are different colors, the music is different, the feeling in church is different. If we take notice of the verses and texts, we are imbued with a deep sense of repentance and soul searching. Listen to, and pray, these verses taking them to heart.

At the conclusion of Vespers, we will participate in the Rite of Forgiveness. While this was essentially a monastic practice, it is being done in more and more parishes. Living within a monastic community, there is a closeness among the brothers in a monastery; sisters within a convent. This is an opportunity to have each other express forgiveness, requesting the same.

The same can be said for parish life. Though we do not spend 24 hours, seven days a week, together, we are still a close knit community. Nerves can be frayed; judgments made; gossip exchanged; feelings hurt; insults taken; epithets expressed. Wow! It can really be a difficult time!

This Rite of Forgiveness allows us the opportunity to ask for forgiveness from one another, also giving our forgiveness to others. This is not something to be taken lightly! It is serious, spiritual business. It must be entered into with soberness, sincerity, honesty, and love.

Your soul will thank you for it!

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## VIGILS FOR FEBRUARY 12

**Laura Kovach** (1) For health of Robin, Irene, Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Margaret M., Mark 3.M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie & Molly K., Pete R., Sharon D., Sonya, John D., Karen D., David W., and Chuck W.

**Sandy Martin** (2) In loving memory of Joe, Special intentions

**Natalie Twarek** (5) For the health of Gabe, Health and recovery of Father David, Health and recovery of Don & Judy Kiser, Mimi, Robin, Valerie, Joe, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie, Ed & Irene, Health of Amber, Zach, Dottie, Jamie, Jim, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Tom, Loren, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Katie, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions

## 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](mailto: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**

## 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.

## CLEANING SCHEDULE

February 20, Jean; February 27, Stephanie

## ATTENDANCE

February 11 Great Vespers, 12 attended; February 12, Sunday Divine Liturgy, 26 attended

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# MASLENITSA HISTORY & TRADITIONS



According to archeological evidence from 2nd century A.D. Maslenitsa may be the oldest surviving Slavic holiday. In the Christian tradition, Maslenitsa is the last week before the onset of Great Lent.

During the week of Maslenitsa, meat is already forbidden to Orthodox Christians, and it is the last week during which eggs, milk, cheese, and other dairy products are permitted, leading to its name of "Cheese-fare week" or "Crepe week". The most

characteristic food of Maslenitsa is *bliny* - thin pancakes or crepes, made from the rich foods still allowed by the Orthodox tradition that week: butter, eggs, and milk.

Since Lent excludes parties, secular music, dancing, and other distractions from spiritual life, Maslenitsa represents the last chance to take part in social activities that are not appropriate during the more prayerful, sober, and introspective Lenten season.

In some regions, each day of Maslenitsa had its traditional activity. Monday may be the welcoming of "Lady Maslenitsa". The community builds the Maslenitsa effigy out of straw (decorated with pieces of rags), and fixed to a pole formerly known as Kostroma. It is paraded around and the first pancakes may be made and offered to the poor.

On Tuesday, young men might search for a fiancée to marry after Lent.

On Wednesday sons-in-law may visit their mother-in-law who has prepared pancakes and invited other guests for a party.

Thursday may be devoted to outdoor activities. People may take off work and spend the day sledding, ice skating, snowball fights, and with sleigh rides.

On Friday sons-in-law may invite their mothers-in-law for dinner.

Saturday may be a gathering of a young wife with her sisters-in-law to work on a good relationship. *Reprinted from Wikipedia*

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