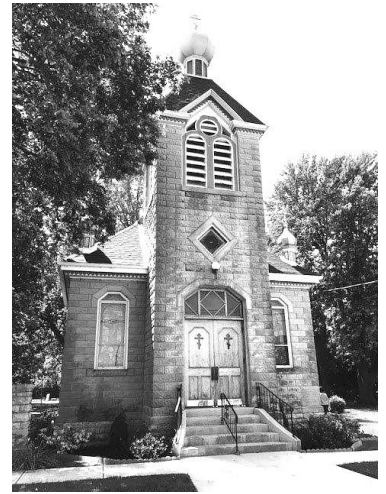


HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 27 (GREAT LENT
BEGINS), 6 PM GREAT CANON OF
ST. ANDREW**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 6 PM GREAT
CANON OF ST. ANDREW**

**FRIDAY MARCH 3, 6 PM PRESANTIFIED
LITURGY**

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 4 PM VESPERS

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY MARCH 5,
9:10 AM HOURS / DIVINE LITURGY /
FOLLOWED BY LENTEN COFFEE HOUR**

EPISTLE **Romans 13:11-14:4**

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

GOSPEL **Matthew 6:14-21 (Gospel)**

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,

so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

TRISAGION PRAYERS FOR MARGUERITE BIRD TODAY

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/ 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 / Kathy Jacob / 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

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 19 **Laura Kovach** (3) 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. Birthday memory of mom. Memory eternal to Maureen Greene **Sandy Martin** (2) In loving memory of Marguerite, Special intentions **Diane Tryon** (1) Birthday blessing to Mike 2/19 **Natalie Twarek** (6) In loving memory of Aunt Martha, birthday 2/24, Health and recovery of Father David, Health and recovery of Irene, Don & Judy Kiser, Mimi, For the health of Gabe, Robin, Valerie, Joe, Ed, Ron, Mark, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Zach, 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)

CLEANING SCHEDULE

February 27, Stephanie; March 6, Sandy; March 13, Roddie; March 20, Natalie; March 27, Basil & Tim

ATTENDANCE

February 12, Sunday Divine Liturgy, 16 attended

PARISH COUNCIL

At the annual parish meeting last Sunday the following council members were approved to serve for another year/2023: Ron Royhab, President; Tim Glovinsky, Vice-president; Roberta Royhab, Secwrtsry; Laura Kovach, Treasurer; Joe Schutt, Trustee; Jake Muscaro, Trustee.

SAVE THE DATE - HISTORICAL MARKER CEREMONY ON APRIL 1

On Saturday April 1 the Ottawa County Historical Society (OCHS) will recognize the Carpatho-Russians immigrants from Austro-Hungarian Empire, who founded Holy Assumption Orthodox Church, with the dedication of an Ohio Historical Marker. The “Holy Assumption Orthodox Church and County Immigrants” marker will be placed on church property in a 2:30 PM ceremony; the public is invited.

This designation highlights the contributions of immigrants to Ottawa County, and puts Holy Assumption on the map of historical markers in Ottawa County. Those who will be recognized came to Ohio from 1820 to 1920 to work in the limestone quarries.

A Church open house during the day and a Lenten reception following the ceremony are planned. Invite your family and friends to attend! Details will follow.—Roberta Royhab

From the Amvon of Father John Adamcio

CONFESSION

We are on the eve of the Great Fast itself, the forty day preparation for the great and saving day of Pascha. During these next few weeks, we have the opportunity to prepare ourselves for this Holy Day of holy days.

All too often, we view the Great Fast as something to be endured! We find no joy or peace in traveling this path of repentance, humiliation, and self-denial. We tend to look at it with an air of doom and gloom. The fallen world certainly seems to reinforce this dismal attitude, especially when it tells us the only way to happiness is through pleasure, material possessions, and self-gratification!

However, the experience of the Church is completely different. She places emphasis on such values as humility, repentance, self-denial, and asceticism. All of this is encapsulated in the Great Fast. Through fasting, reading the Bible and spiritual works, participating in the divine services as frequently as possible, receiving our spiritual food of the Holy Eucharist, and coming to Confession, we are able to change the course of our lives. Sometime this requires only a small course correction; other times it means a complete reversal of our thoughts and lives.

In the next few articles, we will chart a course leading to salvation by leading a life in the Holy Gospels and the Church. Special emphasis in these articles will be given to the Mystery of Confession.

Inspired by the wonderfully simple pamphlet *If We Confess Our Sins*, written by Fr. Thomas Hopko (of thrice blessed memory!), we will explore not only where Confession comes from, but how we can experience a marvelous change of life!

In the ancient world, the standard measurement was called a canon. This was an item, analagous to our modern yardstick, by which the architects, masons, carpenters, and builders were able to construct their structures. Hence, the rules by which we live our Orthodox Christian lives are given to us in the “canons” of the Church, most of which are found in the Rudder (the compilation of said rules).

Of course, we can consider the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament, as well as the Beatitudes given to us by our Lord Himself as the basis for our Christian living, but perhaps we can distill it a bit further.

If we read the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke (chapters 5 and 6 respectively) we can glean the most basic teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Love your enemies;

Do good to those who hate you;

Bless those who curse you;

Pray for those who abuse you;

Turn the other cheek to those who strike you;

Give to those who steal, beg, or borrow from you, asking nothing in return;

Do to all people – not as they actually do to you - but as you would wish them to do to you;

Do not condemn or judge, but give and forgive;

You, therefore, must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect!

Wow! These are some wonderful, yet difficult ideals to which we aspire, but these are the basic teachings Jesus Himself give those who wish to follow Him. It is the canon, the yardstick, by which we can measure ourselves and come closer to Christ through His Holy Church.

This now forms the beginning of our spiritual journey through self-examination, especially through Confession.

The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

During the First Week of the Great Fast (Pure Week, or Clean Week), we sing the Great Canon written by St. Andrew of Crete.

St. Andrew was born in the city of Damascus into a pious Christian family. Up until seven years of age the boy was mute and did not talk. However, after communing the Holy Mysteries of Christ he found the gift of speech and began to speak. And from that time the lad began earnestly to study Holy Scripture and the discipline of theology. At fourteen years of age he went off to Jerusalem and there he accepted monastic tonsure at the monastery of St. Sava the Sanctified. St. Andrew led a strict and chaste life, he was meek and abstinent, such that all were amazed at his virtue and reasoning of mind.

As a man of talent and known for his virtuous life, over the passage of time he came to be numbered among the Jerusalem clergy and was appointed a secretary for the Patriarchate—a writing clerk. In the year 680 the locum tenens of the Jerusalem Patriarchate, Theodore, included Archdeacon Andrew among the representatives of the Holy City sent to the Sixth Ecumenical Council, and here the saint contended against heretical teachings, relying upon his profound knowledge of Orthodox doctrine. Shortly after the Council he was summoned back to Constantinople from Jerusalem and he was appointed archdeacon at the church of Hagia Sophia, the Wisdom of God.

During the reign of the emperor Justinian II (685-695) St. Andrew was consecrated bishop of the city of Gortineia on the island of Crete. St. Andrew wrote many liturgical hymns. He was the originator of a new liturgical form—the canon. Of the canons composed by him the best known is the Great Penitential Canon, including within its 9 odes the 250 troparia recited during the Great Lent. In the First Week of Lent at the service of Compline it is read in portions (thus called "methymony") and again on Thursday of the Fifth Week at the All-Night Vigil during Matins.

The Great Canon of St Andrew, Bishop of Crete, is the longest canon in all of our services, and is associated with Great Lent, since the only times it is appointed to be read in church are the first four nights of Great Lent (Clean Monday through Clean Thursday, at Great Compline, when it is serialized) and at Matins for Thursday of the fifth week of Great Lent, when it is read in its entirety (in this latter service, the entire life of St Mary of Egypt is also read).

There is no other sacred hymn which compares with this monumental work, which St Andrew wrote for his personal meditations. Nothing else has its extensive typology and

mystical explanations of the scripture, from both the Old and New Testaments. One can almost consider this hymn to be a “survey of the Old and New Testament”. Its other distinguishing features are a spirit of mournful humility, hope in God, and complex and beautiful Trinitarian Doxologies and hymns to the Theotokos in each Ode.

The canon is a dialog between St. Andrew and his soul. The ongoing theme is an urgent exhortation to change one’s life. St Andrew always mentions his own sinfulness placed in juxtaposition to God’s mercy, and uses literally hundreds of references to good and bad examples from the Old Testament and New Testament to “convince himself” to repent.

General Themes of the Great Canon

How we should think about ourselves

“Where shall I begin to lament the deeds of my wretched life? What first-fruit shall I offer, O Christ, for my present lamentation? But in Thy compassion grant me release from my falls.”(Mon:1.1)

Desire to change - Dialogue with the soul

“Come, wretched soul, with your flesh, confess to the Creator of all. In the future refrain from you former brutishness, and offer to God tears of repentance.” (Mon:1.2)

Recognizing Reality

“The end is drawing near, my soul, is drawing near! But you neither care nor prepare. The time is growing short. Rise! The Judge is at the very doors. Like a dream, like a flower, the time of this life passes. Why do we bustle about in vain?” (Mon:4.2)

How to pray - Laments and supplications to God

“You are the Good Shepherd; seek me, Your lamb, and neglect not me who have gone astray.” (Mon:3.5)

Old Testament and New Testament examples of righteousness and unrighteousness, for the purpose of emulation or avoidance

“Do not be a pillar of salt, my soul, by turning back; but let the example of the Sodomites frighten you, and take refuge up in Zoar.” (Genesis 19:26) [Thu Ode 3:5]

“I have reviewed all the people of the Old Testament as examples for you, my soul. Imitate the God-loving deeds of the righteous and shun the sins of the wicked.” (Tue Ode 8)

One of the most important things to remember is the Great Canon was written by a holy man to teach himself the right way to live. We cannot benefit from it unless we make it a priority to stand in prayer, in the church, and listen to it, with a great desire and expectation for God’s grace to teach us and heal us. Our theology is first and foremost – experienced and prayed, and not only “studied.”

This is our entrance into the Great Fast. Let us take care of our souls and bodies through fasting and prayer. Attend as many of the services as you can. Increase your prayer life and time.

--Father John Adamcio

MAKE AN IMPACT—BE A MENTOR AT DANBURY LOCAL SCHOOLS!

The Family Advocacy Center (Ottawa County) is looking for caring adults to serve as positive role models for the 'Til Next Time (TNT) Mentoring Program at Danbury Local Schools. Mentoring assures a young person that they are not alone—a mentor genuinely cares about them and what is going on in their life.

--The time commitment can be as little as 90 minutes every two weeks or up to one hour each week at the school between 7:30 AM to 4 PM.

--To express interest or to nominate a mentor, please contact Caroline Gatsch (phone or text at 419-798-6022), TNT Mentoring Coordinator at The Family Advocacy Center (Ottawa County) for Danbury & Put In Bay Schools.

LENTEN PIROGHI DINNERS offered on Friday March 10 & March 24, 4 to 7 PM, at SS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH IN LORAIN; LIVE MUSIC

Friday March 10 | Eat-In or Carry-Out • 6 Piroghis w/ Cabbage & Noodles & Cole Slaw: \$10.00 • Lenten Soup (Large Cup): \$4.00 • Baked Goods: Assorted Prices • Cabbage & Noodles: \$4.00/container

Friday March 24th | Carry-Out Only • 6 Piroghis w/ Cabbage & Noodles & Cole Slaw: \$10.00 • Lenten Soup (Large Cup): \$4.00 • Baked Goods: Assorted Prices • Cabbage & Noodles: \$4.00/container • Stuffed Cabbage (Pre-Orders Only).

SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Church is located at 2238 E. 32nd Street, Lorain, OH

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MARCH 05, 2023
@ FIVE O'CLOCK
HOLY TRINITY

GREAT VESPERS ON
THE SUNDAY OF
ORTHODOXY

CHIEF CELEBRANT & HOMILIST
Bishop Andrei, PhD
of Cleveland, Vicar Bishop to
the Romanian Episcopate, OCA

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
All are Encouraged
to bring Holy Icons & hold
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