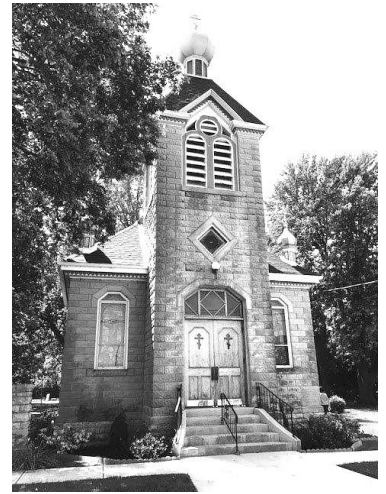


HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

FEBRUARY 5, 2023



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 9:10 AM
HOURS / DIVINE LITURGY /
SOCIAL HOUR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 4 PM
GREAT VESPERS

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

EPISTLE **2 Timothy 3:10-15**

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL **Luke 18:10-14**

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’

And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

40TH DAY TRISAGION FOR JOSEPH ROSE WILL BE SUNG FOLLOWING LITURGY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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 JANUARY 29

Susan Guzy (2) Special intentions **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, Paul E., John D., Karen D., David W., and Chuck W. Memory eternal to George Biecheler and Ralph Burnstine. Safe travel for family **Sandy Martin** (1) Special intentions **Natalie Twarek** (6) Health and recovery of Father David, Health and recovery of Mimi, Health and recovery of Irene, Don & Judy Kiser, 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

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Holy Assumption Orthodox Church will be held on 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 *first* 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/Pulpit of Father John Adamcio:

Do you know where you're going?

Many times one may be asked that question when beginning a trip. Or, sometimes even in respect to their own lives. Do we really know where we are going, and how to get there? One pundit quickly answered: "Yes, if we have led good Orthodox Christian lives!"

To continue the aircraft metaphor, a pilot chooses their destination, consults and make the charts, prepares their craft, takes off, and begin to fly.

So, too, as Orthodox Christians we know where we want to go. In fact, it is confirmed to us at the beginning of every Divine Liturgy and Mystery (Sacrament) of the Church: Blessed is the Kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! This shows us our ultimate destination, our true homeland- the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Holy Orthodox Church charts a course for us to follow in her understanding of the Holy Scriptures, the liturgical life of the Church, and how we should lead our lives. The Great Fast, which is just a few short weeks away, is an opportunity for us to change the course of our lives, leading us to this Heavenly Kingdom where we will be united with our Lord Jesus Christ, together with all the saints and loved ones who gone on before us. As our Lord Himself told us: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Matt. 7:13-14).

Today we enter the "School of Repentance," by opening and reading from the Lenten Triodion (the book of verses and hymns sung and read from now, through the Great Fast and Passion Week, ending with Holy Pascha). With the destination of the Kingdom of Heaven, our salvation in mind, we gather our charts, and prepare ourselves for this marvelous journey.

One of the basic tools we have to understand the chart before us and begin this journey is given to us today in the Gospel reading from St. Luke 18:10-14, the Publican and the Pharisee. The emphasis of this reading hinges on humility and prayer. We see the contrast between the humility of the Publican and the hypocrisy and pride of the Pharisee. This is engendered in the prayers they offer to God.

Therefore, we can begin our preparation by examining our prayer life. Prayer is a very intimate communication between us and our Lord Jesus Christ. It can take two obvious forms: private and corporate. **Private prayer is that which we pray to our Lord and God Jesus Christ, the Holy Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, and all the saints by ourselves: in private.**

The most beautiful and complete example of prayer is given us by our Lord Himself: Our Father... Not only do we pray this prayer so very often, but it also serves as a model for our conversations with Him. We are also able to use the many prayer books containing many beautiful, Biblical, theological, and spiritual prayers written by the saints and spiritual counselors.

Corporate prayer is that when we come together for the Divine Services: Vespers, Complines, Midnight Office, Matins, the Hours, and the Divine Liturgy. This is when we gather together, in the church, to pray with one another. This adds a special spiritual dimension to our prayer life. When we gather together as the Body of Christ, we are strengthened by being with others, and this bolsters our faith and prayer.

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

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, established in 1938, trains clergy and laity for leadership and ministry in the Orthodox Church in America, and in other Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Christian jurisdictions throughout the world. It is located in the Crestwood neighborhood of Yonkers, NY, only 30 minutes north of the cultural and educational resources of New York City.

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**

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