

**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church**  
*Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith*



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Diocese of the Midwest*

OCTOBER 29, 2023

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Liturgical Schedule**

**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 4**

Hieromartyr Seraphim of Uglich  
Venerable Joannicius the Great

**VESPERS, 4:00 PM**

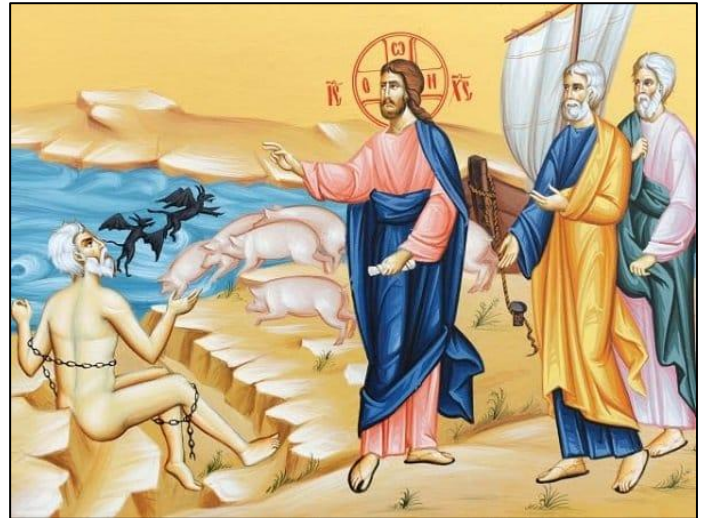
**SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 5**

**22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Martyrs Galacteon and his wife, Epistemis*

**9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM**

**DIVINE LITURGY** Followed by Coffee Hour



**EPISTLE: Galatians 2:16-20**

***Jesus heals demoniac***

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

## GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

At that time, Jesus came to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So, they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS



Tony Monastra, Firelands Hospital Sandusky; Patti Owens, 311 Woodbridge Road, Vermilion, OH 44089; Basil Glovinsky, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; Subdeacon Roger Pinta, P.O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804; Ed & Irene Vangeloff, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870

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### OCTOBER CANDLE SPONSORS



**Altar Candles:** Available (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** God's Blessings upon Barbara Wroblewski (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Natalie, In loving memory of my mom's birthday October 28 (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Katelyn and in memory of Uncle Alex and John Kovach (**\$15**); **Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (**\$15**)

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### MONTHLY CANDLE SPONSORSHIP



At the last Parish Council meeting it was decided and agree upon that the monthly sponsorship for the candles at the candelabra at the cross and the other candelabra by St. Sophia Icon should be **\$20** per month instead of \$15. Please keep that in mind when making your sponsorship offering for the next month.

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## OCTOBER REPOSED

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-** Nadežda 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)



## VIGILS FOR OCTOBER 22

**Laura Kovach 3** Birthday blessings to Katelyn. Safe travels for Jim and other family members.

For health and/or healing of Patti O., Tony M., Matushka Michelle, Hannah S., Barbara D., Pauline O., George K., Joe H., Margi H., Betty K., Ben F., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D.

**Sandy Martin 2** In loving memory of my dad, special intentions

**Darlene & Gabe Mazurik 1** Special intentions

**Natalie Twarek 8** For the health and recovery of Patti Owen, In loving memory of Doris Rowbothum, Safe travel for Matushka Michelle, For health and healing for Tony, For the health and recovery of Barbara, Basil, Diane, and Don Kiser, Health of Roger, Ed, Irene, Father David, Marilyn, Pauline, Judy, Mimi, Tina, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie, Amber, Zach, Jeanne, Dottie, Jamie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Tom, Loren, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions, special intentions

## PRAYER LIST

**Parishioners & Family:** Patti Owens / Tony Monastra / Don Kiser / Ruth / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Jeanne Smith / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Chris Hannon / Subdeacon Roger Pinta / Ed Vangeloff / Irene Vangeloff / Diane Tryon / Sonja Rose / Ron Royhab / James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Elaine Hileman / Betty Kovach / Helen Lis / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Stephanie Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice & Chloe / Gabrielle and her newborn Josey / Carol / Debbie & Marco / Nora. **Other Requests:** Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Barbara Wroblewski / Sidharth Bijilani – friend of Subdeacon Roger and Debbie Pinta / Anthony / Archpriest David Lis / Bishop Matthias / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Marge Dziama / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Marsha / Mark Masica / Robert Piznar / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chuck Wiedenhoft / Chris. **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



## ATTENDANCE

10/21 Vespers, 7 attending; 10/22 Divine Liturgy, 21 attending (2 Guests)



## READERS LIST

Sunday Oct 29 – Tim  
Sunday Nov 5 – Ron  
Sunday Nov 12 – Natalie  
Sunday Nov 19 – Jake



## CLEANING SCHEDULE

Oct 30, Basil & Tim  
Nov 6, Laura  
Nov 13, Susan  
Nov 20, Laura



## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE 2024

It is time to update the church cleaning schedule for 2024. First, thank you to those who have been on the schedule for many years. We often hear of giving of your TIME, TALENT, or TREASURE. You are the people who have been giving of your TIME and again we thank you.

We are always looking for additional volunteers who would be willing to give of their TIME, once a week, to clean God's house. Cleaning can take place at your convenience, Monday - Saturday. The weekly cleaning takes less than an hour and your obligation would be once every 2½ to 3 months, depending on the number of volunteers in the rotation.

Please contact Laura if you have any questions or wish to be added to the rotation.



## KITCHEN REPAIR

As we are planning to make some necessary repairs and updates to our kitchen, we are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to serve as “Kitchen Repair Committee.” If you have some good ideas about the repair, please see Fr. Peter or Ron Royhab and volunteer for the position on the committee. Thank you in advance for your consideration!



## CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Part of our church property is our cute cemetery, where many of our relatives and friends are buried. To keep our cemetery well maintained and beautiful, we must use our church resources to pay for the maintenance and upkeep. Our Parish has a separate “Cemetery Account” that we use for that purpose, but it came to our attention that very few donations are made throughout the year. Therefore, we would like to ask you to consider to donate for the maintenance of our cemetery for the future. Kindly use your envelope marked “CEMETERY” to make your donation. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!



## SUNDAY OFFERING

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

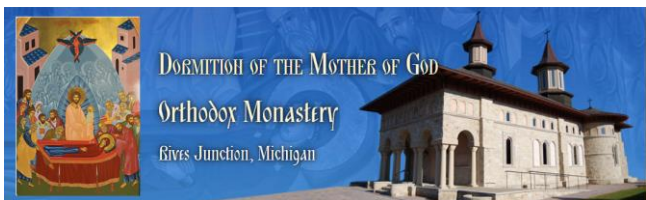
Tithe	\$1,190.00
Candles	\$ 52.00
Vigils	\$ 45.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
Bookstore	\$ 15.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,352.00</b>

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



## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

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



### Fall Work Day Nov. 4 at Holy Dormition Monastery

Three parishioners will go to Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery in Rives Junction, MI, on Friday November 3, stay overnight, and participate in

the fall work day on Saturday November 4. Two rooms at the guest house have been reserved. There will be Divine Liturgy Saturday morning followed by work in maintaining the gardens and grounds.

Dormition Monastery ([www.dormitionmonastery.org](http://www.dormitionmonastery.org)) is a monastic community for women under the omophorion of His Eminence Archbishop NATHANIEL of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America.



### ENCOUNTERING CHRIST ON OUR DAILY PILGRIMAGE

*An Evening with His Eminence Archbishop Daniel*

Monday, November 13, 2023

Join St. Herman House – FOCUS Cleveland for our 11th Anniversary November Event, featuring His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America. He will be speaking about his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land and how we can encounter Christ ourselves on a daily basis.

When: Monday, November 13, 2023

Where: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 6822 Broadview Road, Parma OH 44134

Doors Open at 6:30 PM

Appetizers 6:30-7:30 PM

Program 7:30 - 8:30 PM

\$30 per person - Tickets can be purchased online at [sainthermans.org/event/](http://sainthermans.org/event/)



### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME...ENDS!

Daylight saving time officially ends at 2 a.m. next Sunday **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. **Please remember** to turn your clocks *One Hour Back!*

### UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** Daylight Saving time ends (Sunday)

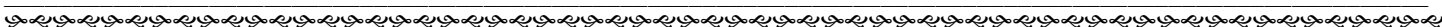
**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** Nativity Fast begins (*Wednesday*)

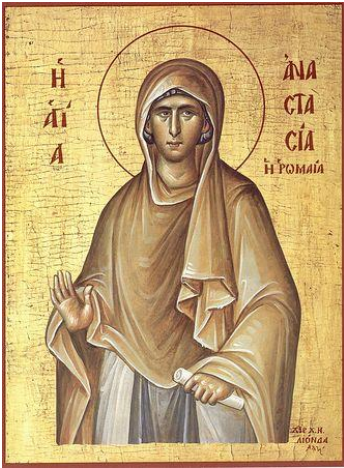
**Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>** Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple (*Tuesday*)

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (*Wednesday*)

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos (*Saturday*)

- Consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy





## Monastic Martyr Anastasia of Rome

Commemorated on October 29

The Monastic Martyr Anastasia the Roman lost her parents when she was three years old, and was taken to be raised by the Igoumeness of a women's monastery, whose name was Sophia, a nun who had attained a high degree of spiritual perfection. She raised Anastasia in fervent faith, in the fear of God, and obedience. After seventeen years, Anastasia became known as a great ascetic, and she was very beautiful.

The Emperor Decius (249-251) began his persecution of Christians at that time. The city administrator, Probus, following the Emperor's orders, commanded that Anastasia be brought to him. Blessed by her Igoumeness to suffer for Christ, the young martyr Anastasia went out to meet the armed soldiers. Seeing her youth and beauty, Probus first tried flattery to make her deny Christ.

"Why do you waste your youth deprived of pleasure?" he asked. "What is to be gained by enduring tortures and death for the Crucified? Worship our gods, marry a handsome husband, and live with glory and honor."

While Saint Anastasia stood before the ruler, her mind stood before Christ, and with her spiritual eyes, she beheld the comeliness of her Bridegroom.

The Saint replied, "My spouse, my riches, my life and my happiness are my Lord Jesus Christ, and you cannot turn me away from Him by your deceit!"

Probus had her stripped of her clothing, in order to humiliate her. She told him, "You can have me whipped, beaten, and cut to pieces, and then my nakedness will be hidden by my wounds, and my blood will cover my shame."

Probus subjected Anastasia to horrible tortures. The holy martyr bravely endured all of them, glorifying and praising God. When she became thirsty, she asked for some water, and a Christian named Cyril gave her a drink. She thanked him, but Probus had him beheaded.

Then her tormentors cut off her breasts and ripped out her tongue, while an Angel held her upright. When the people witnessed the inhuman and disgusting treatment the Saint received, they became indignant, and Probus was forced to end the tortures by having her beheaded. In this manner, Saint Anastasia received the unfading crown of martyrdom.

Saint Anastasia's body was thrown outside the city limits to be eaten by wild animals, but the Lord did not permit her holy relics to be dishonored. By the instructions of a holy Angel, Igoumeness Sophia found Saint Anastasia's mutilated body. With the help of two Christians, she buried it in the earth.

Her right tibia with the skin is at Grigoriou Monastery on Mount Athos, and pieces of her relics are at the Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg.

Saint Anastasia the Roman should not be confused with Saint Anastasia Pharmakolytria, who is commemorated on December 22.

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## Venerable Abramius the Recluse, and his niece, Blessed Mary, of Mesopotamia

Commemorated on October 29

Saint Abramius the Hermit and Blessed Maria, his niece of Mesopotamia, lived the ascetic life in the village of Chidan, near the city of Edessa. They were contemporaries and fellow countrymen of Saint Ephraim the Syrian (January 28), who afterwards wrote about their life.

Saint Abramius began his difficult exploit of the solitary life in the prime of youth. He left his parents' home and settled in a desolate wilderness place, far from worldly enticements, and he spent his days in unceasing prayer. After the death of his parents, the saint refused his inheritance and requested his relatives to give it away to the poor. By his strict ascetic life, fasting, and love for mankind, Abramius attracted to him many seeking after spiritual enlightenment, prayer and blessing.

Soon his faith was put to a serious test, as he was appointed presbyter in one of the pagan villages of Mesopotamia. For three years, and sparing no efforts, the saint toiled over the enlightenment of the pagans. He tore down a pagan temple and built a church. Humbly enduring derision and even beatings from obstinate idol-worshippers, he entreated the Lord, "Look down, O Master, upon Your servant, hear my prayer. Strengthen me and set Your servants free from diabolical snares, and grant them to know You, the one true God." The zealous pastor was granted the happiness to see the culmination of his righteous efforts: the pagans came to believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and Saint Abramius baptized them himself.

Having fulfilled his priestly duty, Abramius again withdrew into his wilderness, where he continued to glorify God and do His holy will. The devil, put to shame by the deeds of Saint Abramius, tried to entrap him with proud thoughts. Once at midnight, when Saint Abramius was at prayer in his cell, suddenly a light shone and a voice was heard, "Blessed are you, Abramius, for no other man has done my will as you have!" Confuting the wiles of the enemy, the saint said: "I am a sinful man, but I trust in the help and grace of my God. I do not fear you, and your illusions do not scare me." Then he ordered the devil to depart, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Another time, the devil appeared before the saint in the form of a youth, lit a candle and began to sing Psalm 118/119, "Blessed are the blameless in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord." Perceiving that this also was a demonic temptation, the Elder crossed himself and asked, "If you know that the blameless are blessed, then why trouble them?"

The tempter answered, "I provoke them in order to conquer them and turn them away from every good deed." To this the saint replied, "You gain victory over those who, like yourself, have fallen away from God. You are forced to vanish, like smoke in the wind, from before the face of those who love God." After these words the devil vanished. Thus Saint Abramius defeated the Enemy, being strengthened by divine grace. After fifty years of ascetic life, he peacefully fell asleep in the Lord.

Saint Abramius's niece, the Nun Maria, had grown up being edified by his spiritual instruction. Her father died when she was seven, and so she had been raised by her saintly uncle. But the Enemy of the race of man tried to turn her from the true path. At twenty-seven years of age she fell into sin with a man. Thoroughly ashamed, she left her cell, went to another city, and began living in a brothel. Two years later, when he had learned of this, Saint Abramius clad himself in soldier's garb, so that he would not be recognized, and went to the city to find his niece. He pretended to be one of her "clients," and revealed his identity once they were alone. With many tears and exhortations, he brought her to repentance and took her back to her cell.

Saint Maria returned to her cell and spent the rest of her days in prayer and tears of repentance. The Lord forgave her and even granted her the gift of healing the sick. She died five years after Saint Abramius.